

Ordered, that the commanding officer of the Elizabeth City minute Batt'l or in his absence the first officer in the s'd Batt. residing in Charles City, do direct a Guard of 25 minute men of that county, under the command of a Lieut. and other proper officers, to be stationed on the north side of James River, at Sandy Point or such other place as the s'd commanding officer shall think proper, to afford the like protection as above.

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A warrant to Capt. Charles Fleming for £40.15.10½ for rations and hunting shirts for his company.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

THURSDAY, 28th March, 1776.

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Present: The members of the preceding day.

A certificate of the review of Capt. John Watkins' Company, Isle Wight and Surry District, on the 21st Instant, ret'd and o. r'd.

Gab. Maupin's receipt for 22 Guns (smooth bores), purchased by the Gent. app'd in Anherst county, ret'd and ordered to be registered.

A warrant to Thomas Pleasants for use of sundry persons for £46.11.0 for arms and Ruggs for use of Capt. John Pleasants' company, 5th Reg't.

Same to Woolwich Westwood for £71.15.0, and for use Merrit Westwood for £26, for wood for the use of Troops at Hampton.

Same to Capt. John Watkins for £20.10.0, the Ballance of bounty money and recruiting Expenses, and 30s. for the carriage oznaburgs.

Commissions issued and del'd Capt. Dickenson and subaltern officers, dated 25th February; also to Capt. Watkins and his subalterns, dated 21st March.

The Comm'ee agree to allow in the whole for hunting shirts with capes and cuffs, leggins and hat binding, 16s. 6d.

A warrant to Capt. Ed. B. Dickenson for £46.9.0½ for ballance of bounty money, recruiting expenses, hunting shirts, leggins and hat binding for his company.

A warrant to Philip Chamberlayne for use Philip Carberry for £5.5.0 for wood furnished the Troops at Great Bridge.

Ordered, that it be certified that Wednesday, 28th February, be the day fixed for the change of the Troops from Provincial to Continental pay.

A warrant to Capt. John Watkins for use Thos. Wall for £16.9.2 for provisions to s'd Watkins' company of 4th Regiment; also for use of Ethelred Lane £4.5.9, for making hunting shirts for the s'd company.

Ordered, that the commanding officer of the Troops at Suffolk do relieve the officers and soldiers of the 2nd Regiment, stationed at that and the other posts below it, by directing their march to this city, as soon as

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the same can be done with safety to those posts in the judgment of himself and a council of field officers, and that he immediately direct the removal of such of the sick of the 1st and 2nd Regiments as are able to be removed to this place.

Ordered, that the Commanding Officer at this place direct the sending of 60 Potts out of the stores here for the use of the Troops at Suffolk.

A warrant to Rob. Bolling for 10s. for Flour furnished Capt. Meade's company.

Ordered, that a Letter be written to the Judges of Norfolk Comm'ee desiring them to enquire according to the directions of the late ordinance, whether Thomas Hepburne and John Johnson, or either of them, have been in arms against this Colony, or have aided the Enemy by Inlisting Soldiers, giving Intelligence, or furnishing them with arms, provisions, and naval stores, and return to ye comm'ee the Judgment of the court of Enquiry thereupon.

A certificate of the Review Capt. Jouet's company, Albemarle 7th Regiment, on the 18th Instant, ret'd and or'd to be registered. Capt. Jouet's commis'n delivered him, dated that day.

A warrant to Capt. Mathew Jouet for £83.8.0 for Ballance of bounty, recruiting Expenses, and waggon hire for his Company.

Capt. James Cocke is appointed and desired to view and examine Capt. Hutchen's sloop Packett now lying in Baily's creek, near Jordan's, and if it shall appear to him that She is a proper vessel to be fitted up for an armed vessel as a Cruizer in James River, that he, together with the person to be named by the said Hutchings, proceed to value the s'd Sloop with her apparel and furniture, and report their proceedings, together with his opinion what it will cost to fit her for service, to the Comm'ee as soon as possible.

A warrant to John Minson for use Sarah Jones, for £4 upon acc't for the hire of a slave in the country service.

A warrant to Mr. John Overton for £64.14.10 for his pay as adjutant to the Troops at York and Hampton.

Same to John Ferguson for £10.9.2 for Rum to ye Troops in this place.

Tom, a negro man belonging to Mary Jones, having been employed for three weeks past as a servant in the Hospital and behaved well, the Comm'ee (for want of opportunity to transport him) are of opinion that he ought to be retained in the service of the public to attend in the Hospital and reasonable hire paid to Mrs. Jones for him.

A warrant to Wm. Philips for £50 for Brick work to the Barracks.

Same to Samuel Spurrs for £35.18.3 for Do.

Same to Lewis Herndon for £6.2.6 for waggon hire to the Goochland Company.

Same to Thomas Pettes for £7.16.4 for Do. to the Troops at Norfolk.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

FRIDAY, *March 29th, 1776.*

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Page, Mr. Digges, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones, Mr. Tabb, and Mr. Walker.

A warrant to Capt. Wm. Goosley for £328.6.8½ for prov's furnished the 1st and 2d Regiments at York, and £12.1.3 for pro. to his Company of minute men.

Same to Hawkins Reade for £28.14.0 for pay of himself and men, residue of Capt. Gooley's minute Company.

The Commanding Officer at this place is desired to dismiss the remainder of Capt. Gooley's Company from service.

A warrant to George Anderson for use of Col. Syme for £378 for corn furnished ye army.

Same to Geo. Muter for use Dr. Rob. Brown for £58.5.6 for medicines furnished Do.

Same to Thos. Peyton, £248.11.6 for the pay and prov's of his minute Company.

Mr. Benjamin Pollard is appointed Lieutenant of Marines of the River Galley, commanded by Capt. Muter, but not to enter into pay 'til he receives Instructions from the Comm'ee.

Same appointment to Mr. Thomas Merriwether, as first Lieut. of Marines, in the Cruizer for York River, commanded by Capt. Lilly.

Ordered, that notice be published in the Virginia Gazette, that on Monday 15th April, the Comm'ee will proceed to the appointment of officers for the several companies of Marines, to be employed in the Naval Department.

A permit to Capt. Waters to pass to Maryland.

Upon the application of Mr. Dan'l Barrand and Mr. Robert Taylor, they are permitted to correspond by Letter on board the Fleet. The commanding officer at Suffolk first examining and sealing such letters, and sending them by a Flag of Truce.

Ordered, that it be recommended to the Treasurer, to make proper provision for the reception of the Treasury in or near Richmond Town, to which place the Comm'ee are of opinion it ought to be removed, if circumstances shall hereafter make such removal necessary, which the Comm'ee do not think will immediately occur.

The Comm'ee do not think it necessary to remove the public Records immediately, but when it shall become so, they also ought to be removed to Richmond.

A warrant to James Mercer, Esq., for £456 for the purchase of Linens and sundry necessities for the army.

Ordered, that the committees of the counties of Nansemond and Isle of Wight be desired severally to appoint a person to take possession of

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the Estate of John Goodrich, the Elder, that may be found in their respective counties, causing an inventory and appraisement to be made and returned to this Comm'ee, and that they agree with each such person to superintend the management of the s'd Estate so as to yield the best profit, accountable to this Comm'ee, that the s'd Estate and profits may remain a security to the County for Mr. Goodrich's accounting for the money by him rec'd of the Treasurer for the purchase of Powder.

The General Congress having appointed a Paymaster to their 6 Battalions, which prevents the comm'ee appointing a paymaster to four, as directed by the ordinance, Col. George Brooke is appointed Paymaster of the 7th and 8th Regiments, leaving his allowance to be settled by convention.

A warrant to James Mercer, Esq., for £6.10.0 paid Moses Hays for waggone of a Ton of Powder from Fredericksburg.

The representation of Mr. John Reveley respecting the erection of an air Furnace for casting of cannon being considered, Mr. Reveley is requested to examine the Lands in the neighborhood of the Coal pits on James River and make experiments of any clay he may suppose to be of the Sturbridge, and fit for making bricks to erect an air Furnace. and to attend the Comm'ee as soon as he shall have made such experiments with an account of his discoveries and an estimate of the expense of erecting such a Furnace as is proposed by him.

It being absolutely necessary that many of the public stores should be lodged in the Town of Fredericksburg under the care of some person who will take care of the receipt, safe keeping and delivery of such stores from time to time, and keeping proper accounts thereof, Mr. James Hunter, jun'r, is appointed to that trust upon giving bond and suff't security, to be approved by Col. Lewis and Mr. Dick, in penalty of £10,000 for his faithful discharge of the same, his allowance to be hereafter settled.

Ord'd, a warrant issue to John Mercer, Esq're, for his use, for £500, on account for the purchase of Linen of the Virginia Manufactory and other necessaries for the army.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, 30th March, 1776.

Present: The members for the preceding day.

A warrant to Wm. Emery for £3.13.2½ for prov's and Ferriages to the public prior to 1st Nov. and since.

Same to Wm. Cabell, Esq're, for use Wm. Pollard, £23.9.0, for use of Hugh Rose £10.15.0, for use John Nicholas, Esq., £2.9.2 for provisions furnished the Amherst Company.

Ordered, that the Commissary deliver to Mr. Pearson to be tanned the

Hides in his possession belonging to the public, provided he will agree to submit his allowance for tanning the same in money to this comm'ee.

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A warrant to Wm. Arnistead, jun'r, for use Wm. Aylett, for £150 upon account.

* Same to Foulk & Burkhard for £206.11.1 for sundries furnished for the public use.

* Same to Young & Foulk for £931.14.6 for Ditto.

* Same to Adam Foulk for £119.8.6 for Ditto.

Same to same for use John Craig for £40 upon account for the purchase of Fuel and forage for the use of the army.

Messrs. Foulk & Burkhard appeared and contracted with the Comm'ee to furnish for the use of the army fifteen hundred cartooch Boxes with proper Belts at the price of 8s.6d each; 1000 Bayonet Belts with double Frogs at the price of four shillings each; 2000 priming wires and brushes at 5s. p'r Dozen, and 500 pair of shoes at the price 7s.6d. p'r pair, to be delivered at the Town of Fredericksburg within six weeks from this day, and approved of by the Commissioners of the Gun Manufactory there; and the money for which paid on the Commissioners' certificate.

The comm'ee being informed that doubt had arisen in the Colony whether Minute Companies reduced by inlistments into the regular service ought to meet and perform training duty monthly before they are again compleat, are of opinion, upon considering the Ordinance, that such training duty should not be performed until the company so reduced, shall be recruited to its full number.

Capt. Darke's company, Berkeley, and Capt. West's, Loudoun, being reviewed the same day, 9th Feb., the rank of precedence determined by Lot for Capt. Darke 1, Capt. West 2nd.

A warrant to Mr. Adam Foulk for £57.19.4, the Ballance of Young & Foulk former acc't; also for a piece Broad cloth furnished the public.

A permit to James Bradley to pass to his mother's in Norfolk county.

James Barbour, as contractor for provisions for the Troops in the 5th, returned a B'd with Richard and Thomas Barbour, sn'r, penalty £10,000.

The four warrants granted Messrs. Foulk & Bourkhard ret'd and an order granted on the Virginia Delegates in Congress for their amount, being 4385½ Dollars.

A warrant to Jos. Jones, Esq'r, for use Col. James Taylor for £200 upon acc't as Paymaster of the Caroline minute Battallion.

Same to Capt. Wm. Darke for £200 upon acc't for the pay of his company.

Same to same for £32.1.3 for the ballance of his bounty and recruiting Expenses and sundry necessaries for his company of the 8th Reg'mt.

A certificate of the Review of Capt. Darke's Company, Berkeley, on the 9th February, ret'd and ordered to be registered.

* These warr'ts returned.

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Com's issued and deliv'd to Capt. Darke and his subaltern officers (dated 9th Feb'y) of the 8th Regiment.

A warrant to Capt. Samuel Woodson for £18.3.7 for Guns and prov's to his Company of the 9th Reg't.

Same to Dr. Skinner for £30 upon acc't for the use of Hospital; the s'd Skinner ret'd an acc't of the disbursement of former monies granted him, which is O. R.

A Review of Capt. Walker's Company on the 11th Instant ret'd and ordered to be regist'd.

A warrant to John Tabb, Esq'r, for £55.1.3 for Blanketts and ruggs furnished the army.

Same to same — use Fran. White for £3.10.0, for use Wm. Brooke for £5.10.0 for Guns furnished the Amelia minute men.

Same to same — use Ri'd Taylor & Co. for £31.15.3, Ruggs furnished the Dinwiddie regulars; also for use same £4.15.0 for Do. to Prince George regulars.

Same to same for use Neil Buchanon 15s. 8d. for forage.

A permit to Thomas Reid to leave the Colony.

A warrant to Law. Smith, jr., by hands of David James, for £8.8.0 for coat buttons, &c., for the army.

Same to Cole Digges, jr., £38.2.0 for Fodder to ye army.

A certificate of Militia Officers in Lancaster county ret'd, and ord. com's issued.

Adjourned 'till Monday 9 o'clock.

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MONDAY, 1st April, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Page, Mr. Digges, Mr. Bland, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Mercer, and Mr. Jones.

A commission issued to the Judges of Prince George County, p'r cert'e.

Present: Mr. Lee.

A permit to John Gray to leave the colony.

A warrant to Capt. R'd Taylor for £100 upon acc't, to procure necess's for his comp'y.

Same to James Mercer, Esq., for £12.15.4 for sundries furnished the army; for use Jacob Whitler for £1.19.9 for Do. to Captain Stephenson's Company; and for use Slater & Wallis for £5.13.3 for Do. to Captain Beal's Company, to be charged to Captain Beale in ye public Store.

For reasons appearing to the Comm'ee, Capt. Spencer and Capt. Taylor, of Orange, with their subaltern officers, are allowed 'til the 20th inst. to complete their companies.

A warrant to Peter Pelham for £168.1.1 for use and support of sundry prisoners.

Same to John Shepherd for £3.13.9 for sundry necessities to sick negro prisoner.

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Present: Mr. Walker.

Ordered, a warrant to the members and officers of the Committee of Safety for £758, for allowance and services from the 19th January to the 30th March, both inclusive, as per state. filed.

Capt. Eliezar Callender is appointed to the command of the 2nd Cruizer to be employed in Rappahannock River, and Capt. Green first mate. Celey Saunders is appointed Capt. to one Rowe Galley, to be employed in Rappahannock, and Wm. Saunders 1st Lieut. in same Galley.

James Markham is appointed Capt. of the 2nd Rowe Galley in s'd River.

Ord., that our Delegates in Congress be desired to send over ten ton of Saltpetre to Mr. Field. Lewis at Fredericksburg, to be manufactured into Gunpowder.

A warrant to Francis Ratcliffe for £25.6 for prov's to Capt. Massey's Company.

Same to James Mercer, Esq., for use of Mann Page and Fielding Lewis, Esq's, for £500 upon account for use Gun Manufactory, and necessities for the vessels building in Rappahannock, £250 each.

Absent: Mr. Lee.

The Comm'ee proceed to settle the wages of the several officers of the Navy and Marines, as follows: A commodore, 15s.; a captain, 8s. per day; first mate, 6s.; second mate, 4s.; boatswain, 3s., and a common sailor, 2s.; a captain of Marines, 6s.; a lieutenant, 4s.; a midshipman, 3s.; a marine, 1s. 6d.; and that they ought to be engaged to continue in the service so long as may be judged necessary by the General Convention, Gen'l Assembly, or Comm'ee of Safety of this Colony, but not compelled to continue more than 2 years from the 10th of this month; to be subject to such regulations as shall be established for the navy by the s'd Convention or Assembly, and the sea officers to be upon half pay from the time of their several appointments 'til the respective vessels they are to serve on board of, are completely fitted for service, when their full pay is to commence; and the Marine Officer to be on half pay from ye several appointments 'til the companies are reviewed, when ye full pay is to commence, and the seamen and marines to be entitled to full wages from the time of their enlistment.

A L're to General Lee as follows: Sir, &c., copy filed.

Ordered, a Letter be written Mr. Meriw'r Smith to know whether his vessel is appraised and fitting for a cruizer acco. to former order, and if it is what progress is made therein, but if she is not begun to be fitted, that he be desired not to begin the repairing her, and in that case that Mann Page and Field. Lewis, Esq's., be desired to purchase a proper vessel to

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be employed as the 2nd Cruizer in Rappahannock, and proceed to have her fitted up under the direction of Lieut. Wm. Green. (A Letter written accord'y.)

Colo. Lewis and Mr. Page are desired to send to Fort Cumberland for any cannon there belonging to this colony, also for one at Col. Cresops and empowered to purchase any other necessities which may be wanting for the vessels in Rappahannock river.

A certificate of the appointment of regular officers in Louisa and Buckingham Counties, ret'd and ord. Regist'd; also of the review of s'd companies, Louisa on 21st March, and Buckingham on 24th February, ret'd and o. R.

It appearing that the regular companies in Louisa, (Capt. Thos. Johnson) and Isle of Wight and Surry District, (Capt. Watkins) were reviewed the same day March 21st, the rank of precedence determined by Ballot for Louisa 1st, Isle of Wight and Surry 2nd.

Absent: Mr. Page and Mr. Bland.

A warrant to Capt Nath. Cocke for £256.8.8 for the pay of himself and men of 7th Reg't to ye 1st March.

Same to Paul Carrington, Esq'r, for use Micajah Watkins for £137.19.11 for arms to Capt. Cocke's Company.

Same to Same for use Nathan'l Terry for £169.14.10½ for arms and necessities furnished the Halifax Company, Capt. Cocke.

Same to Same for use Wm. Terry for £2.8.0 for the carriage of Gunpowder.

Same to Nath. Cocke for use Humphrey Hendricks for £8.13.3 for ye repairs of Gun to his Comp.

Same to James Mercer, Esq'r, for use John Lewis for £50 upon acc't, for erecting a powder mill to be repaid in powder.

Com's issued and deliv'd Capt. Johnson and subaltern officers of the 3rd Regin't, dated 21st March.

Do. Col. Christian to be Col. of the 1st Regiment.

A warrant to Sam. Boush for 10s. for Horse hire, for use Wm. Smith, £175.3.10 for Fuel and Forage and scantling to ye Troops at Great Bridge, and for use Smith and Bressie for £23.19.9 for Do.

Adjourned til' to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, 2nd April, 1776.

Present: Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland and Mr. Walker.

A warrant to Capt. Sam. J. Cabell for £90.9.0 for pay of his Comp'y of the 6th Battallion to the 28th February, Inclusive.

Present: Mr. Lee.

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A warrant to Paul Carrington for use of Wight Bond for £21.3.3 for waggonage to the Halifax Company of Regulars, 7 Regiment.

Same to Col. Geo. Brooke for use Ambrose Jeffries for £3.3.0 for making hunting shirts. Same to Benj'n Powell for £590.2.10 for sundry work for the Troops in W'msburg.

Present: Mercer, Mr. President, Mr. Jones. Absent: Mr. Lee.

A warrant to Chas. Derrex for £133.6.8 for 4 Ton of Lead to the army.

Whereas in the first arrangement of Companies into Regiments the Company under Capt. West, of Loudon, was allotted to the 3rd Regiment stationed at Dumfries, convenient to the County they came from, and the company from Pittsylvania was allotted to the 6th Regim't; after which the Comm'ee were informed disturbances had arisen in Loudon which it was feared the 3rd Regiment might be called on to quell, and on that account it was thought inconvenient to have the Loudon Company in that Regiment, which was therefore thrown into the 6th and the Pittsylvania Company into the 3rd. Since which it has appeared that the disturbances in Loudon are quieted, and the Comm'ee think it best that the first arrangement should take place, and do order accordingly.

A warrant to Alexander Wedderburne for £8.4.7½, necessaries to Capt. Walker and Jouet's Company.

Same to Capt. John Webb for £44.9.0 for necessaries to his Comp'y; also for use Ursula Evans for £27.3.3 for prov's to Do.

A com'n issued to the Judges of Goochland County and cert'e.

A warrant to James Sheilburne for £3.10.0 for Fodder for ye army.

Same to Capt. Tomkins for £286.8.10 for necessary arms, &c., for his Company.

Same to Edw'd Baptist for £5.5.0 for wood to the Troops at York.

Same to Cathbert Hubbard for £3.11.0 for Do.

Same to Edmund Franklin for £12.1.3 for waggonage to the Buckingham Company of the 6th Regiment.

A Letter written to Col. Daingerfield as follows: Sir, &c. (copy filed).

A warrant to Capt. Webb for use of Col. Daingerfield for £200 upon acc't for the purchase of arms and necessaries for his regiment.

Same to Charles Deverex for £12 for waggonage of 2000 lbs. Lead from ye mines.

Same to Geo. Brooke for £5000 upon acc't as Paymaster to ye army.

Same to Capt. Thos. Walker for £286.9.4 for the pay of his Company to ye 1st April.

Permits to John Avery and John Perkins to go to Suffolk.

Same to Walter Buchanan to leave the Colony.

A warrant to Thos. Walker for £120.3.9 for ye Ballance of his recruiting acc't and necessaries to his Company.

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Same to Wm. George for £100.14.9 for arms furnished Capt. Woodson's Company.

Com'n issu'd and deliver'd Capt. Walker and his subalterns for ye 9th Reg't, dated Mar. 11th.

A warrant to Dr. McClurg, of Hampton, for £7.10.0 for attendance on the army.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

JOHN PAGE.

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WEDNESDAY, 3rd April, 1776.

Present: Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, and Mr. Walker.

A certificate of the review of Capt. Arthur Smith's Company of Isle of Wight and Surry dist'ct on the 1st Instant, returned and ordered to be regist'd.

A warrant to Cornelius Deforest for £10 for 2 Guns.

Same to Capt. Nath'l Cocke for £30.16.9 for prov's and necessaries for his company.

Same to Capt. Jo. Cabell for £4.0.0 for Drum and fife to his company.

Same to Capt. James Johnson for £151.7.0 for pay of his company of 6th Battallion to 28th Feb'y.

Mr. Digges and Mr. Mercer are appointed a committee to draw up a Letter to General Lee representing the present state of the colony, and make report to this board.

Ordered, that the two Ton of lead formerly directed to be lodged Albemarle old Court House, to be transported by waggon to Fredericksburg.

The Comm'ee being acquainted from General Lee that certain necessaries for keeping a Table were not to be procured, do direct that James Southall and Benjamin Powell be appointed to view and appraise such articles of the furniture at the palace as the General may want (which will be considered as purchased by him) and make report to the comm'ee.

A permit to Peter McGill to depart the colony.

A com'n issued to the Judges of Eliz. City county p'r cert'e.

Col. Mulenburg settled his acc't with the Comm'ee, ballance due the public £18.10.0, lodged with the comm'ee, redelivered him on acc't.

Colo. Mulenburg, Lt.-Col. Bowman, and Major Helphinston, appear' in comm'ee, subscribed the articles of war, were sworn and received their Colonial Comm'ns dated 1st March.

A warrant to William Stanard for £19.0.7½ for pay &c., to 28th Feb'y, inclusive.

Same to Robt. B. Chew for £5.19.4½ for Ditto.

Col. Alexander Gordon is permitted to return to his family, on his

parole not to correspond with, give Intelligence to, or in any manner aid or assist the Enemies of America, that he show himself to the Commanding Officer at the Station nearest his place of residence once a fortnight, and be ready to appear before this comm'ee whenever he may be required so to do.

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A warrant to Lt. Thomas Hughes for £7.12.11½ for necessaries and Express hire.

Col. Woodford appeared and rec'd his commission.

A Comm'n issued to the Judges of West Augusta, p'r cert'e.

A certificate of Militia Officers in Eliza. City County ret. and Com's issued.

A warrant to John Jones for 8s. 4 for house rent for the army.

Same to Capt. Arthur Smith for £127.9.8 for the pay of his company of the 4th Battalion to ye 28th February.

Comm's issued and delivered Capt. Smith and his subalterns, Isle of Wight and Surry Districts, dated 1st April.

The Comm'ee being informed by Capt. Arthur Smith, on oath, that William Goodrich has lately attempted, with the assistance of 2 armed cutters from Lord Dunmore's Fleet, to take the Slaves and Stock off his father's (John Goodrich) plantation in the County of Isle of Wight, and has actually taken two negroes—

Ordered, that the Comm'ees of the counties of Isle Wight and Nansemond do severally cause the slaves on the said plantations of the s'd Goodrich, in their respective counties, to be secured, and the stock of all kinds to be sold at public auction, and an inventory thereof ret'd to this comm'ee.

A representation to General Lee in the words following: Sir, &c. (copy filed), reported by Mr. Digges and Mr. Mercer, which was read, considered, amended, and ordered a copy be furnished the General and delivered by a member.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

JOHN PAGE.

THURSDAY, 4th April, 1776.

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Present: Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Bland, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Walker.

A warrant to Champion Travis for £7 for 2 Guns for the Army.

Same to John Pendleton, jr., use Ro. Hogg, for £4 for 1 Do. to Capt. Pleasants' Comp'y.

Same to Wm. Cocke for £3 for 1 Do. to Capt. Anderson's Comp'y.

Same to Capt. Thomas Walker, £5.4.0, for a rifle for his comp'y.

A certificate of the appointment of regular officers in Pittsylvania ret'd; O. R.

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Resolved, That the Comm'ee of Northampton county be empowered to build or purchase and fit out for the protection of their Coast two such small-armed vessels as they have recommended.

A certificate of Militia Officers in Botetourt county ret'd and ord. comm's to issue.

A certificate of the review of Pittsylvania company of regulars, Capt. Hutchins, on ye 21st March; also a minute company, Capt. Dillard, on the 25th March, ret'd, and ordered to be registered.

Ordered, that application be made to General Lee to order 500 lbs. powder, 1,000 lbs. lead, and 200 lbs. buckshot to be sent to Col. Daingerfield, in Gloster, for the use of the 7th Regiment.

A warrant to Wm. George for £29.3.1½ for prov's to Capt. Woodson's Company.

Comm's issued to Capt. Lewis Joynes and subalterns, dated Feb'y 13th; to Capt. Thomas Davis and subalterns, dated Feb'y 12th; to Capt. Thos. Sneed and subalterns, dated Feb'y 14th; to Capt. John Cropper and subalterns, dated Feb'y 5th, of Accomack and Northampton District, del'd Capt. Davis.

A com'n issued to Capt. Thos. Davis to be Adjutant of the 9th Regiment.

A Report from the Council of Officers appointed to view and examine the Beef and Pork delivered Mr. Morris by the contractor of the Buckingham District returned and considered, and ordered that the whole of these be immediately returned to the contractor, and in case of his refusal to receive the same that the offensive part thereof be immediately destroyed.

A permit to John McGeorge to pass to the Comm'ee of Safety of No. Carolina.

A warrant to Mr. John Ross for £2.15.0 for a Gun.

Same to Andrew Waggoner for use Capt. John Nevill for £348.6.0 for arms and waggon hire, as per account.

Same to Thos. Gibbs for £4.13.9 for repairing arms to G. Smith's Company.

A Bond from Capt. Arbuckle and security ret'd, penalty £——, and O. R.

A state. of the officers, soldiers, arms, and ammun'n of Lancaster Militia ret'd and ord. to be entered.

A warrant to Andrew Waggoner for use John Campbell for £46, paid James Berwick, cl'k to West Augusta Comm'ee.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, 5th April, 1776.

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Present: Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Lee, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Bland, and Mr. Walker.

A warrant to Capt. Thomas Massey for £116.1.8 for the pay of his Company to ye 28th Feb'y.

Same to Capt. Lilly for £30 upon acc't for defraying expenses of fitting Brig Liberty.

Same to James Slate for £6.9.0 for making H. Shirts and Leggins for Capt. Richardson's Comp'y.

Absent: Mr. Lee.

A Report of the proceedings of the Court of Commissioners for Gloucester county on the Trial of John Wilkie, charged with being inimical to the cause of America, was returned, whereby it appears that the said John Wilkie is guilty of giving Intelligence to the Enemy, and going on board the men-of-war intentionally. Whereupon it is ordered that the s'd John Wilkie be removed from the s'd county under a proper Guard to this place, and that the court be directed to cause a true and perfect inventory and appraisement of the said Wilkie's Estate within their county to be made and returned to this Comm'ee, that further order may be taken therein.

A warrant to Wm. George for £17.3.1½ Short paid for prov's to Capt. Woodson's Company.

Same to Capt. Sam'l Hopkins for £92.9.0 for necessaries and pay of his company to 28th February.

It appearing from the Report of Capt. Cooke and other Information that Hutching's Packett is not sufficient for an armed cutter for James River, this Comm'ee decline taking her, and it is Ordered that 2 vessels be provided for the s'd River—one to carry 2 six-pounders and 6 four-pounders and the other 6 four-pounders, and that Max. Calvert's Schooner be one of them if the comm'ee approve her after the appraisement, provided if she can, in the opinion of Capt. Richard Barron, be conveyed up James River with safety; that both these vessels be fitted out at the most convenient and safe place up James or Appomattox River under the direction of Capt. James Cocke and Isaac Younghusband, who are respectively to command the same, and are empowered to purchase every article necessary for such vessels, to recommend proper officers to this board, and engage proper seamen.

A Letter written to the council of Safety, North Carolina (see copy).

A warrant for use of Arch'd Cary for £250 upon acc't for furnishing necessaries for the Rope Walk and Gallies.

Same to And'w Waggener for £92.10.0 for recruiting service in W. Augusta; also £257.10.0 for use Thomas Smallman on acc't for the pay and purchase of prov's and necessaries for the s'd Company.

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A permit to Wm. Hunter to go to the Northward.

A warrant to Andrew Waggener for use of Edw'd Snickers for £1250 upon acc't as paymaster and comm'y to the Troops stat'd at Fort Pitt; also £250 for ye purchase of arms.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, 6th April, 1776.

Present: Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Lee, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mucci, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland and Mr. Walker.

Comm'ns issued to the Judges of Lunenburg County per cert'e.

Ordered, that Mr. Finney, Deputy Quarter Master General be allowed three rations p'r day to the 28th February.

A warrant to Capt. Patterson for £90.1.8 for the pay of his company to 28th Feb.

It appearing from certificate returned that Capt. Washington's Company, Stafford, was reviewed the same day with Capt. Gregory's Company, Charles City, Capt. Richardson's Company, King William, Capt. Hopkin's Company, Mecklenburg, and Capt. Gaskin's Company, Northumberland, to-wit: On ye 26th Feb'y, the rank of precedence as to the s'd Capt. Washington's Company is determined by Lot to be first, the others determined before.

A review of Capt. Washington's Company, Stafford, on ye 26th Feb'y, ret'd and o. R.

A warrant to R'd Morris for use John Hawkins for £140 upon acc't, as Commiss'y to the Virginia Troops.

Mr. John Buchanan has the consent of this Comm'ee, to apply to the Commanding Officer at Suffolk, for such assistance as the s'd officer shall think proper, to enable the s'd Buchanan to secure some effects which he alledges to be lodged at Portsmouth, and on the Western Branch.

A warrant to Mayo Carrington for £114.4½, for arms and his Forage and Rations to ye 1st March.

The Committee being informed that a vessel formerly allowed to be purchased by Robert Donald, for the purpose of conveying passengers to Great Britain, is about to proceed on her voyage, the s'd Donald declaring upon oath that the said vessel is two thirds his property, the other third the property of a Gent. in Glasgow. This Comm'ee are of opinion, that since the passing of the Act of Parliament for Confiscating American property, and the order of Congress relating thereto, the said vessel ought not to depart this Colony, and it is ordered that Theo. Bland, John Banister and Arch'd Cary or any 2, make enquiry what British property either in Bullion or otherwise may be on board the s'd vessel, and make report to this Board.

Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be immediately delivered to Major General Lee who is requested to take such order thereupon as he shall judge expedient.

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A warrant to Messrs. Baker and Hardy for £1,500 upon acc't as commiss'y of Prov's.

Same to Bartholomew Gall for £12 for use of himself and 4 sailors, also for 1 soldier escaped from the Navy, to support them on their way to Philadelphia.

A permit to Benj'm Low, James Bower, Joseph Jeffrey, John Patton, Bartholomew Gall, and Abner Baldwin to go to Philadelphia.

The Comm'ee being informed of the consent of Wm. Mountjoy, first Lieut. in Capt. Wm. Washington's Company of the 3rd Regiment, and of John Francis Mercer, Quarter-Master in the s'd Regiment, to exchange their commissions which is certified under their hands, and the Colo. of their s'd Regiment having certified his approbation of such exchange, and that the same is agreeable to the officers of his Corps, and Major General Lee having approved thereof, this Comm'ee do confirm the same and order Comm'ns issue accordingly.

A warrant to Arch'd Govan for £75.18.9 for 6 dbl. fortified 4 pounders to ye army.

Same to James Donald for use John Turner for £15.11.4½ for Ruggs furnished Capt. Pleasants' Henrico Company, 5th Battallion.

Comm'n issued and delivered Capt. Washington of Stafford, and his subalterns of the 3rd Battallion, dated 26th Feb'y.

A warrant to John Lawson for £208.16.0 upon acct., as commissary for the Lancaster Dist'ct minute Batallion.

Ordered that Mr. John Lawson deliver all the Tents in his possession to Colo. Peachy for use of his regiment, and all other Stores to the commissary of Stores in this place.

A Warrant to John Mayo for £7.13.4 for prov's furnished Capt. Cabell's company.

A certificate of the review of Dunmore Company, Capt. Clarke, on ye 4th March, also of the appointment of himself and officers.

Mr. Robert Donald having offered his vessel, the Brig. Hope, to this Comm'ee for £650, the price she cost and the Expenses he has been at in refitting her, The Comm'ee agree to take her to be employed as a Cruizer for James River, provided Capt. James Cooke shall approve her and she can be delivered to him in some safe place up Appomattox River and a proportion of her value for such part thereof as shall appear to be British property, to be deducted out of the above-stated value 'til the further order of this Comm'ee. And it is ordered that Capt. James Cooke be empowered to examine such prov's on board the said vessel and take such part thereof for the use of the Navy in that River as may suit their purpose at a reasonable price.

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The Comm'ee having rec'd Information that vessels loaded with prov's frequently pass down the Rivers—Resolved, that no vessels be permitted to pass without a permit from the Commanding Officer of the forces or a County Comm'ee, and the officers at the different stations upon the Rivers are required to enforce this Resolution.

Ordered, that the two slaves—Lowdy, belonging to Robert Langley, and George, to Samuel Donaldson—be immediately delivered to Mr. Charles Deverex, to be carried to Mr. James Calloway and employed under his direction in working the Lead mines for the use of the public.

The Comm'ee, from late accounts from Philadelphia being informed of the high price and great scarcity of woollens, agree to take for the public the woollens formerly offered by Messrs. Gratz and Foulk and Young at the price charged, provided the same can be now stopped at Fredericksburg.

The comm'ee approve of taking Mr. Archer's vessel to be employed as a cruizer in York River at a reasonable price, to be apprazed by Edw'd Champion Travis, Esq're, the elder, who is to examine her state and condition and make report.

A warrant for Wm. Fauntleroy for use Wm. Lee, Esq're, for £34.1.0 for prov's and Fodder to the Army.

On considering a list of Ordnance Stores necessary for the use of the Colony, certified by General Lee: ordered, that the proper officers procure the same in the speediest manner they can and grant certificates for their purchases therein, which will be paid by this comm'ee.

IN THE EVENING—6 o'clock.

Present: Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, and Mr. Bland.

A warrant to P. Carrington, Esq're, for £20, for paid Page express hire on acc't.

Capt. James Barron appeared and laid before the Comm'ee a packette which he had intercepted, from his Majesty's Secretary of State to Governor Eden of Maryland, containing Letters of Instruction and Advice, which were read and considered. Whereupon this Comm'ee are of opinion that copies thereof be immediately forwarded with all possible dispatch to the District Comm'ee of Newbern, North Carolina, and the Council of Safety of Baltimore and Annapolis.

Ordered, a Letter to be written to the Council of Safety for Edenton District, inclosing the above copies, intimating the situation and strength of Lord Dunmore's Fleet, now here, and the advantage and conveniency of erecting a Battery at the mouth of Norfolk River to keep off ships of war and render a secure harbour for the Continental Fleet, should they incline to come here.

Ord., a Letter to be written to the Council of Safety of Maryland and

Baltimore, inclosing copies of the s'd Dispatches, requesting they would forward copies to Congress, and intimating that a certain Alexander Ross was the person charged with those Dispatches, who went to s'd Dunmore after being denied a permit by this Comm'ee without our knowledge, and recommending the seizure of him as a suspicious person and unfriendly to the American cause.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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MONDAY, 8th April, 1776.

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Present: Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Lee, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Mercer.

A warrant to Dixon & Hunter for £25.11.3 for sundries furnished Troops.

Same to Robert Donald for use Charles Duncan for £62.9.6 for sulphur to ye public.

Same to Alexander Purdie for £102.11.6 for sundries to the public.

Same to Anthony Noble for £493.15.0 for sundries to the army pursuant to contract.

Same to Capt. Sam'l Hawes for £152.7.0 for the pay of his comp'y to 28th Feb'y.

Same to Col. Turner Southall for £68.2.2 for use sundry persons for sundries furnished the public.

Same to same for use Edw'd Millon for £3.15.0 for a Gun furnished Capt. Pleasant's Company.

Same to Capt. Sam'l Garland for £24.9.4 for pay of Hunting Shirts for his Company of minute men from Lunenburg county, and for use Capt. John Glen for £12.4.0 for hunting Shirts for Do.

Same to Geo. Pickett for £74.16.0 for waggon hire, and for use of Wm. Ransdell £97.11.9 for sundries to the Troops at Suffolk.

Upon Information given to this Comm'ee by Col. Turner Southall, of Henrico, that the prisoners at Richmond had attempted to make their escape, and that one of them had actually escaped—It is ordered that they be removed to the Town of Charlottesville, in Albemarle County, to be confined within such Limits as the commanding Officer of that County shall direct, and Col. Southall is empowered to furnish them with sufficient clothing at the public Expense.

A Report of the persons appointed to appraise Mr. Maxamilian Calvert's Schooner was ret'd. Whereupon it is ordered that a Letter be written to Mr. Calvert requesting to know whether he will accept the appraised price.

A warrant to Capt. James Barron for £20.5.0 for 2 swivel Guns and a Top Sail for Capt. Calvert's Row Galley, and als' for paper.

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Same to Rich'd Bray for use James B. Johnson for £38.10.0 for wood to the army.

A certificate of the review of Capt. King's Minute Company of Eliza. City County, on 30th March, retur'd and O. R.

On considering the application of Robert Donald and others, (who were formerly permitted to depart the Colony) for leave to go to Portsmouth, to take their passage to Britain—It is the opinion of this Comm'ee that no persons whatever be allowed either directly or indirectly, to have intercourse with Lord Dunmore.

On considering Mr. Dick's Letter to Mr. Mercer, relating to the Small pox in General Lee's body Guard—It is recommended to him to take proper care that the Infection do not spread, and the expense thereof will be paid by the public.

A warrant to L't Waggoner for use Edward Snickers for £1500 for the pay of Capt. Arbuckel's Company and on acc't for the purchase of arms &c.

Same to Sam'l Moody for £6.3.9 for hunting shirts to Capt. Watkins Company.

Same to Dr. Sam. Boyd for £24.11 for sundry medicines furnished the Culpeper Battallion and wounded prisoners.

A Letter from Major Gen. Lee in the words following: Wm'burg, &c., together w'th a petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Counties of Norfolk and Princess Anne, presented to the Convention on the 13th of Jan'y last, and by Convention referred to this board, as also a pet'n from Anth'o Walke and others to this Comm'ee and two Letters from the Secretary of State to Governor Eden intercepted last Saturday, were severally read and taken into consideration.

Ordered, that the further consideration thereof be referred till to-morrow.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, *IXth April, 1776.*

Present: Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Cabell.

A warrant to Wm. Geddy for £4 for a Gun. No voucher.

Same to Wm. Draper for £11 for 4 Do.; also for use John Draper £3.12.3 for Express hire.

Same to Philip Brown for £7.16.6 for wood to the army.

Same to Rawleigh Southerland for £4.10.0 for a Gun.

Same to Dixon & Hunter for Thos. Bates for £4 for a Gun to ye Goochland Regulars.

Same to same for use Laugh. Campbell for £16.17.0 for necessaries to ye 3d Regiment.

The Comm'ee took into consideration General Lee's Letter of yesterday and other matters referred according to order respecting the removal of Inhabitants of Norfolk and Princess Anne counties, but conceiving the same to be of great Importance to the colony, and willing to have as full a meeting of the members of this comm'ee as possible, the further consideration of the same is put off 'til to-morrow.

A warrant to Barnabas Gaff for 10s. to support him to Cumberland; a pass and recommendation given him to Capt. Lilly as a seaman.

Same to Ed. B. Dickenson for £141.14.8, am't of his pay-roll to 28th Feb'y.

Same to John Royall for use Eliza Worsham for £4.0.6 for Ferriages.

Same to Lt. Waggoner for £18.10.0 for express hire from Fort Pitt.

Same to Edw'd Carrington and Littlebury Mosby for £44.9.4 for prov's and Guns to Capt. Fleming's Company (Cumberland).

Same to John Farquharson for £18.16.5 services and negro hire in the Palace Gardens.

Present: Mr. Walker.

Mr. Carrington, Mr. Cabell, and Mr. Walker are appointed a committee to examine into the State of the Magazine and the method of Gabriel Maupin's disposal and care of the public arms, ammuni'n and stores.

The proceedings and sentence of the Court of Comm'rs for Nansemond County respecting the conduct of the Rev. John Agnew as a person inimical to America, and the s'd Agnew's appeal from the s'd sentence, were laid before the Comm'ee. Resolved, that this Comm'ee will hear the said appeal to-morrow, and Mr. Agnew have notice to attend.

The application of Alexander Love and Thomas Browne is rejected, the Comm'ee having determined that no intercourse whatever shall be carried on with the Fleet.

[The above was marked out in the original.—Ed.]

NOTE.—The Minutes from this point to April 29th, 1776, are omitted, and "the other Minute Book" mentioned above cannot now be found.

MONDAY, *April 29th, 1776.*

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Lee, Mr. Jones, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Bland, Mr. Tabb.

On considering a Letter from Thomas Parramore and John Bumdoin of Northampton county, respecting four negro slaves, their property, condemned to death by the Court of that county for a felonious attempt to run away with a vessel laden with flour and pork, &c., Ordered a letter be written to the Justices of the s'd County recommending them to

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respite the Execution of the Slaves until the convention shall determine their fate and refer a state of the case to their consideration.

A warrant to Wm. H. Avery for himself and others for £20.12.6 for arms to Capt. Ruffin's Company.

On considering the representations of Messrs. Inglis and Smith respecting the Goods of Mr. David Beveridge of Philadelphia, Ordered, a Letter be written to the Comm'ee of Accomack recommending it to them to revise their resolutions restraining the price at which the Goods Should be sold, and at any event not to prohibit their being taken to any other County or Colony in case s'd Beveridge's agent refuses to take their prices for them.

Capt. Francis Bright is appointed Captain of the first armed Cruizer directed to be fitted out on ye Eastern Shore, and Capt. Robert Cooke of the Second.

Present: Mr. Page.

A warrant to Joseph Jones, Esq'r, for £11.5.0 for arms to ye 3rd regiment.

Same to Henry Croucher for £5.10.0 for a Rifle for ye public.

An order given upon our delegates in Congress in favor of Mr. William Ronald for Two Thousand Dollars.

Instructions to Capt. Bright, as follows: Capt. Francis Bright, &c. (copy filed.)

A warrant to Zacha. Gilliam for £4.5.0 for a rifle.

Same to John Hicks for £3.8.0, Gun to Capt. Travis for his Galley.

Warrant to Joseph Seldon for £6 for wood to troops at Hampton.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, *April 30th, 1776.*

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Bland, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lee, Mr. Tabb.

A warrant to Lieut. Green for £23 for a month's pay and recruiting money in the marine service; also for use Capt. Richard Taylor for £26 for a month's half pay and recruiting money.

Same to Robert Rakestraw for £136 for prov's and waggon hire, &c., to the Pittsylvania Regulars, Capt. Hutchings.

Present: Mr. Page.

On hearing the cases of John Roane and Wm. Hill, and the examination of Major John Green and John Crasmond, it is the opinion of the Comm'ee that they ought to be sent to the county of York to be tried by the Judges of that county for their offence of giving assistance and intelligence to the Enemy, according to the directions of the late Ordinance of Convention.

A pass to John Hart to go to Mr. Phipps', in Princess Anne county; also to Joseph Scott's, at Suffolk, and to return to this city.

A warrant to Thomas Tate for £8.8.10 for repairing arms to regulars and minute men.

Same to Jonathan Prosser for £4.0.5 for Express hire, &c.

Absent: Mr. Page.

On considering the case of Leonard Terrant, and the Examination of Mr. Purdie and Mr. Clarkson—It is ordered that he sent to the County of Elizabeth City, to be tried for having been on board Lord Dunmore's Ship, sometime this month without permission so to do, according to the direction of the late Ordinance of Convention.

In considering the case of Daniel Malborn, as stated by the Court of Enquiry of officers the 16th Instant—It is the opinion of the Comm'ee that he ought to be discharged, as what he did, seems to have proceeded from his apprehensions of danger from Lord Dunmore, and he appears now friendly to America.

On considering the case of Wm. Faller—It is ordered he be sent to the County of Princess Anne, to be tried for having borne arms against the Colony, and not having surrendered himself according to the directions of the late Ordinance of Convention.—[This was marked out in the original—Ed.]

On reconsidering the case of Andrew Stevenson—The Comm'ee are of opinion that he ought to be conveyed to Princess Anne County, to be tried for corresponding with the Enemy, by having been on board Lord Dunmore's Fleet, since he was discharged, formerly at Williamsburg, according to the late Ordinance of the Convention.

A warrant to Capt. James Grier for £38.18.6 the am't of the valuation of sundry clothes belonging to his company, burnt at Fredericksburg by order of Fielding Lewis and Charles Dick, Esq., to prevent the spreading of the Small Pox, with which it was supposed they were infected.

Same to John Tabb, Esq'r, for £67.10.0 for 900 bushels corn furnished the Harriot, Capt. Dixon, and £82.10.0 for —

Same to John Hart for use Adam Byrd for £6.7.0 for prov's &c., to Capt. Massey's company.

Same to Sally Spotswood for £1.10.0 for nursing and boarding two Gent. of the Culpeper minute batt'n.

Same to Samuel Sim's for £2.5.0 for 9 days Pilotage of ye vessel sent to seize the Brigg Hope.

Same to Eton Haynes, Esq'r, for £100 for his order on ye Continental Treasurer for the like sum.

Same to Richard Ludlow for use John Welch for £7.2.6 for waggonage of public stores from Fredericksburg to this city.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, *May 1st, 1776.*

Present: Mr. Preident, Mr. Digges, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Lee, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones, Mr. Tabb.

A warrant to John Hodge for £3 for a Gun and Bayonet to ye Isle Wight regulars, Capt. Arthur Smith.

On consideration of a letter from Benjamin Harrison, jun'r, Esq'r, of April 29th—the comm'ee are of the opinion that they cannot with propriety engage in the ransome of the Ship Grace, even if the other sloop of war was in this colony which however they are informed she is not.

Present: Mr. Page.

Ordered, a Letter to be written to the Comm'ee of Elizabeth City, desiring they would enquire particularly into the case of a large Flat drifted on shore near Hampton, in the month of January last, and report to this Committee what has been done with her and her rigging, and whether any person has ever claimed a property in them, on whose land she was drifted, and who first took possession of and secured her.

On considering a letter from Major James Hendricks respecting a boat and sails belonging to John Buchanan, Capt. R'd Barron is ordered to deliver the sails to Major Hendricks, who is empowered to deliver them with the boat to Mr. Miles King, to be by him safely kept until the further order of this comm'ee.

A Letter written to Major Hendricks as follows: Sir, &c.

A warrant to Capt. George Muter for £100 upon acc't for furnishing arms and materials for the Hero Galley. Bond ackn'd and ord. record.

Same to Capt. Wm. Mitchell for £60 upon acc't for purchasing arms and recruiting his company of Marines. Bond ackn'd and o. r.

On examining George Friar, who says he was employed as master of arms on board the other sloop-of-war and was taken at Norfolk, it is ordered he be detained as a prisoner of war, but that he be permitted to walk anywhere within the Capitol Square, and in the Main street from the Capitol as far as to include the house of Mr. James Southall, upon his parole not to depart these limits or correspond with or give intelligence to Lord Dunmore or any of the officers of the navy or their adherents.

On the examination of John Davis, taken at Norfolk and sent up as a prisoner, no witness appeared against him. He says he is a native of Portugal, and was at Norfolk employed as mate on board a small vessel loaded with West India goods designed for North Carolina, but which was stopt by order of Lord Dunmore. That some time after the burning of Norfolk, coming on shore for recreation, he was taken and kept as prisoner, which latter part was confirmed by George Friar. Whereupon the s'd John Davis is ordered to be discharged.

On considering the case of John Carmont, it is ordered that he be sent

to the county of Norfolk to be tried for having been in arms against the Colony and not surrendering himself within two months, according to the directions of the late ordinance.

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On examination of George Farrar, who says he was taken at his own house on ye 28th February last, and no witnesses appearing ag't him, he is discharged.

On the examination of Joseph White, a pilot, who was taken by Capt. Barron, it is ordered that he be discharged on his parole not to bear arms or give intelligence or assistance to Lord Dunmore, the officers of the navy, or their adherents, upon this condition: that if he do not within ten days give security, to be approved of by one of the Judges appointed by the Comm'ee of Gloster county, in the penalty of £100.0.0 for keeping the s'd parole, he shall be liable to be taken up and confined. The s'd White engaged his parole in Comm'ee.

Adjourned til' to-morrow 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, *May 2nd, 1776.*

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Bland, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Lee, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Tabb.

Certificates of appointment of officers and of the reviews of Captain James Dabney's company of minute men of Louisa county, on 13th April, ret'd and ordered that commissions issue.

A warrant to Philip Moody for £9.10.0 for Gun sticks to ye 1st Regiment.

Same to Solomon Tussel for £2.5.0 for a Gun to ye Henrico regular, Capt. Pleasants.

Present: Mr. Page.

A pass to David Watson to go to Carolina.

Mr. Leonard Thompson, second Lieutenant of Capt. Jouett's Company from Albemarle county, appeared in Comm'ee and resigned his commission in the s'd Company, not being able from his ill state of health to perform the duties of his office; which resignation was accepted and or'd to be certified.

On considering the cases of Mr. Archibald Ritchie and Captain John Robinson, transmitted for the opinion of this board by the Comm'ee of the county of Essex—It is the opinion of this Comm'ee that the importation of the Goods having been prior to the time of passing the late ordinance of convention for establishing a mode of punishment for the enemies to America in this Colony, no court of admiralty can be held for condemning the vessel or Goods according to the directions of that ordinance. The Convention, in their last Session, in several instances condemned Goods imported contrary to the association before the pass-

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ing of the ordinance, but not the vessels; in one Instance they added a publication, as the original association directs. Whether these examples will incline the Comm'ee of Essex county to condemn the Goods to be sold for the use of the public or they will only publish the offence, or adopt both, must be left to their own Judgment. On reconsidering the subject, it being improper for this comm'ee to give an opinion on the matter unless it be brought before them on an appeal.

A warrant to William Foster for £4.5 for waggonage at Hampton.

Ordered, that James Anderson deliver Capt. Lilly for the use of his cruizer $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton of Iron out of that in his possession belonging to the public.

A warrant to James Mercer, Esq., for £15.3.0 for sundries to the continental Troops; also for wood the P. W. Batt'n and cash paid on Express hire. No voucher.

On consideration of the Comm'ee of Essex County, the following Letter was written to the Comm'ee of that County. (Insert it.)

A representation of the like import with the preceeding being received from Landon Carter, Esq., chairman of Richmond comm'ee, a Letter in the same words (except what relates to the arms taken at Hobsday's hole and the cases of Ritchie and Robinson) was written in answer thereto.

On considering the petition of Wm. Digges, Esq'r, by way of appeal from a sentence of the Court Martial of Warwick County fining him and his son, Cole Digges, for not attending at muster of the militia—The Comm'ee are of opinion they have no right to take cognizance of the subject, no appeal to them from fines laid on private militia men being allowed by the ordinance of convention.

A pass to Rob't Manning to convey any of the Goods of Wm. Digges, Esq'r, up James and Appomattox river.

A Letter written to General Lee as follows: Sir, &c.

The Comm'ee adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, *May 3rd, 1776.*

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones. Mr. Tabb.

It appearing to the Comm'ee that several people have the Small pox in the Town of Winchester, to which place the prisoners from North Carolina were formerly ordered to be sent, It is directed that they be sent to Staunton, in Augusta county, and orders were accordingly dispatched to the commanding officer of Augusta militia recommended to ye care of Charles Dick, Esq'r.

Captain Thomas Peyton desired leave to resign his Com'n as Captain

of a minute Company in the Gloster District, which he is allowed to do, and the same is ordered to be certified to the Comm'ee of Gloster county that they may proceed to fill up the vacancy occasioned thereby.

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Ordered, a warrant to John Edmondson for use of Henry Dunn for £3 for a Gun, and for use Arthur Smith for £3 for a Gun for ye Amelia Regulars, 2nd reg't.

Ordered, a warrant to Mr. Rich'd Graham for the use of Wm. Cunningham & Co., for £28.5.0 for sundries, Bedding to Capt. Lee's company of 3rd Reg't, and also for £15.4.6 for Bedding to Capt. Russels company of the 5th Reg't.

Ordered, a warrant to Capt. Burgess Ball for £82.16.5 the ballance of his acc't for arms and necessaries purchased for the army, (£121.15.0 for Guns.)

Same for use John Guthsy for £20.1.3 for sundries furnished the army at Richmond Court house, and waggon hire.

Same for use Hon. Rob't Carter, Esq'r, for £15.3.0 for Bayonets and repairing arms to Capt. Ball's company.

Same for use R. W. Carter, Esq'r, for £12.15.0 for wood and straw to said company.

Same for use Henry Fowles for £10.5.4 for prov's to said company.

Present: Mr. Page and Mr. Lee.

Capt. Burgess Ball produced a pay-roll for his company to 28th Feb'y, amounting to £172.17.0 as settled by the Comm's, which sum is to be placed to the Cr. of the Continent, being part of £300 charged them for so much rece'd by Capt. Ball and his Lieut. of the Treasurer, for which they gave orders on Mr. Harrison, the Continental Pay master.

A warrant to Capt. Thomas Peyton for £254.19.2 for the pay of his Company of minute men on duty in Gloster and prov's to this day, also for use of Wm. Hall for 9.1.0 for prov's for himself and Com'y at the time of review.

Same to Same for use of Sir John Peyton for £300.0.0, Col. Fielding Lewis's order for a pilot boat purchased for the use of the Colony.

Ordered, a warrant to Jno. Edmondson, jnr., for £87.4.11½ for Capt. Archer's order for bread and flour purchased for ye Schooner Sally.

Resolved, that if Major General Lee can spare the 4 pieces of cannon of four pounders now at James Town from that Post, that those without the carriages, two others on board Mr. Holt's vessel, and two on board the schooner Tender now lying in the Glebe creek, be all taken on board the schooner and carried up the James River to be put on board the vessel now fitting up for a cruizer under the direction of Captain James Cocke, and that they also take on board a quantity of Tar belonging to the public lodged at Cobham, and carry the same to Colo. Arch'd Cary for the use of the Rope-walk, and that in the return of the vessell the master of her do call at Colo. Harrison's of Berkeley, and bring from

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thence the cannon there, supposed to be Eight pounders, and deliver them to the Troops at James Town.

A warrant to Messrs. Morriss and Richards for £300 for a sloop bought by Geo. Mason and John Dalton, Esq's, for public service.

A pass to Richard Noisler to go to Philadelphia.

Upon a pet'on and representation from the comm'ee of the county of P. Anne in behalf of themselves and the inhabitants of said county, setting forth the distresses and ruin w'ch must attend them from the carrying into execution the resolution of this board of the tenth day of April last for their removal, and praying that the same might be revised and rescinded, or in some measure relaxed. On hearing the Gent. appointed to present the s'd pet'on, and advised with Major General Lee, and maturely considering the subject, the Comm'ee are of opinion that many inconveniences would arise from carrying the s'd resolution into execution in its full latitude, and therefore do resolve that Wm. Robinson, Thos. Reynolds Walker, Thos. Old, John Throwgood, James Henley, Erasmus Haynes, and William Wishart, Gent., or any 4 or more of them, having taken an oath before a magistrate or comm'eemen to do equal and impartial justice and keep each other's secrets, do assemble themselves together and make strict inquiry into the temper and former conduct of the inhabitants of the s'd county of Princess Anne and certifie to the Hon. Major-General Lee, or the commanding officer at Suffolk or its neighborhood, which of them have taken an active part in behalf of America, which have remained quiet at home without taking an active part on either side, and who have appeared inimical to America, on which cert'ate the General or commanding officer is desired to suffer all such as have been friends or neutrals to remain at their habitations with their families, but to remove all their live stock except such as the Comm'rs above named, shall judge necessary for their immediate subsistence; and that all the enemies of America in the said county be compelled to remove, with their families and effects, according to the former resolution, and the Comm'rs are desired to return their whole proceedings to this Comm'ee, to be laid before the General Convention.

It being represented to the Comm'ee that the wife of John Goodrich, jun'r, had lately gone on board the Fleet at Norfolk with her child, upon firing the house in Portsmouth: ordered, that her Father, Mr. Wm. Harwood, be allowed to employ a boat to send from Hampton on board the Fleet for their removal, and the commanding officer at Hampton is requested to furnish him with a flag of truce for that purpose.

On considering a verbal proposition formerly made by L'd Dunmore to this Comm'ee, del'd by Colo. Alex'r Gordon, for the exchange of prisoners: Resolved, That the following proposals for such exchange be sent his Lordship by the commanding officer in ye neighborhood of Norfolk, viz: Colo. Alex'r Gordon and Colo. Jacob Elligood for Colo. Anthony

Lawson and Colo. Joseph Hutchings. All other officers of like rank to be exchanged on equal terms, private for private; and if there be not officers on either side to give for such on the other, in order to effect a full exchange as far as may be, that the following rule be observed: In such case to give for a Colonel 8 privates, a Lt. Colo. 7, a Major 6, a Captain 5, a Lieut. 4, an Ensign 3, a Sergeant 2; all other non-commissioned officers to be considered as privates. The prisoners to be exchanged in the order of their captivity, without respect to persons. However, it is to be understood that no prisoner on either side be compelled to return who shall voluntarily desire to remain with the party they are with at present.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, *May 4th, 1776.*

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Lee, Mr. Jones, Mr. Page, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Bland, and Mr. Tabb.

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The Comm'ee agree to take Mr. Maximilian Calvert's vessel lying at Hampton, to be employed as an armed Cruizer in James River, and Capt. Y'ghusband is directed to repair to Hampton immediately, and either engage seamen there to carry her up the river, as he shall judge best, and watch a safe opportunity for carrying her up the river, there to be fitted up for her intended purpose, taking on board 2 Six pounders for defence, and putting on board all the cannon at Hampton unfit for use to be conveyed to the falls of James River, that he apply to the two Capt. Barrons' for their assistance, and to the Commanding officer at Hampton, for a few soldiers if necessary for escorting the s'd vessel so far up the river, as to be out of danger from the Enemy's tenders.

A warrant to Capt. Massie for 10s. for a blanket to his comp'y, also for use Rob't Bowis 18s. for prov's to Capt. Scruggs company.

Same to Lieut. R'd Taylor for £43 the pay of himself and comp'y, a Guard at Sandy Point to 26th April.

Same to Hugh Walker for Andrew Gastwood for £3 for a Gun for Capt. Meade's company, Amelia.

Same to Capt. James Johnson (Lunenburg) for £21.12.0 for arms, &c., to his Company.

Same to Fielding Lewis, Esq'r, for £500 upon acc't for the Comm'rs of the Gun Manufactory, and £400 for the outfit of Sundry vessels, &c.

Same to Same £1059.17.11, Ballance of his acc't for the Sloop Patsey, the Schooner Hannah, and the pilot boat and their cargoes' adventures for the Importation of arms and ammunition.

Ordered, that 1200 lbs. Powder remain at Fredericksburg for use of the Vessels in Rappahannock River, and 100 lbs. for proving arms at the manufactory and at Mr. Hunter's.

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Ordered, a warrant issue to Mr. James Hunter, Fielding Lewis, and for use of James Hunter £132.3.0 for intrenching Tools for use of Colo. Mercer's Regiment; also for use of James Hunter, ass'ee of Rich'd Richards, for £5 for a Gun furnished 3rd Regiment.

Same to Fielding Lewis, Esq'r, for £1.16.0 paid on Express hire p'r acc't and ret'd.

Ordered, that Colonel Aylett, or his agent at Hobb's hole, deliver to ye order of Colo. Fielding Lewis 40 bolts Duck lodged there for the use of the public.

A warrant to Colo. Fielding Lewis for use James Kerr for £3.8.0 for nursing and providing for sick soldiers—Capt. Westfall's Company, 8th Regiment.

James Holt, John Wilson, John Portlock, Cornelius Calvert, Thomas Nash, jr., Arthur Boush, and John Willoughby are appointed commiss's to make the like enquiry in Norfolk County as was directed by the order of yesterday respecting Princess Anne county, and certify the same to the General or Commanding officer at Suffolk, who is to observe the same order respecting the removal of the Inhabitants and their effects as is directed for the people of Princess Anne.

Mr. Wm. Beale, paymaster of the Lancaster Battallion, ret'd his acc't of the money formerly by him rece'd in that office, w'ch being settled, ballance in his hands is £62.12.6, which is to be charged to him for further disbursement, and ord'd a warrant issue for £137.7.6 upon acc't for the like purpose, and for £17.10.0 for $\frac{1}{2}$ year's salary and his travelling Expenses on this occasion.

Same to Capt. Burgess Ball for use of Griffin Garland for £148.0.2 for prov's furnished sundry Companies of the 5th Regiment.

Same to John McGeorge for use Wm. Edwards for £12.8.0 for sundries furnished the army.

Same to David Jones for £3.15.0 for his services as a Hostler.

A pass to John McGeorge to go to Walter Keeble's, Gaines' Island. and return.

A warrant to Wm. Page for £24.18.6 $\frac{1}{2}$, his acc't as a public express.

Same to Andrew Russell for £132.2.8, the prov's of his company to Feb'y 28th, 5th Reg't.

A Letter to the Delegates in Congress and one other to the Hon. Jno. Hancock, Pres'd't of the Congress, written, read and approved, and ord'd R'd.

A warrant to Rob't Hyland for \$8.15.0 for his services to 4th Instant. (May).

A review of the Amelia Regulars on March 8. (Capt. Meade), ret'd and ord'd R'd.

The Comm'ce adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY, *May 5th, 1776.*

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Lee, Mr. Jones, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Bland, Mr. Tabb.

On considering a Letter of the 4th, from Major General Lee, the following answer was written and sent to him. Viz: Sir, &c.

Ordered, that General Lee be requested to give directions for furnishing waggons and a proper escort from Kemp's Landing to Capt. Deane for removing the cannon left by the Enemy at Norfolk.

Ordered, that Capt. Samuel Hanway do Rendezvous his marines at Sandy Point as soon as his proportion of the company is complete, that he repair to and continue at that station for the protection of the Inhabitants until the vessel he is to go on board of is ready, and thereupon the militia stationed there be discharged—of w^{ch} notice is to be sent to the County Lieut.

Ordered, a warrant to Capt Sam'l Hanway for £29.10 advanced pay to recruits' inlisting expenses, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pay for himself for one month.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, *May 6th, 1776.*

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Present: Dudley Digges, Esq'r, President pro tempore, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, and Mr. Tabb.

A warrant to Richard Hogg for £14.5.10 for one month's pay advanced, and the recruiting money in the marine service. Bond acknow'd and O. R'd.

Present: Mr. President and Mr. Jones.

A warrant to Capt. James Cocke for £125.0.0 upon acc't for the outfit of and pay of seamen and workman's wages of the cruizer under his command.

A certificate of Militia Officers in Norfolk and King George counties ret'd and com'ns issued.

A warrant to Mr. Flanny Strattan for 40s., the expenses of conveying a deserter of Navy from Chest'd to W'msbu'rg.

Same to same for £18, advanced money for his quota of men as a Lieut. of Marines, recruiting expenses, and one month's half pay advanced to himself.

Same to James Mercer, Esq're, for use of Mason & Dalton, for £100, upon acc't for ye purchase of Tobacco.

Present: Mr. Page and Mr. Lee.

Same to Colo. Syme for £147.19.3 $\frac{1}{4}$ for flour furnished the public on board the Harriet and other purposes.

A pass to Mr. Jonathan Reade to visit his brother, of the 4th Reg't.

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£2,388 Virginia paper money received from the Delegates in Congress. Ordered to be entered to their credit and paid to the Treasurer.

A warrant to Wm. Cary for Messrs. Cochran & Pearson for £134.15.0, Mr. Thos. Archer's order for flour purchased for the Schooner Sally.

A warrant to the members and clerks of this comm'ee for £383.10.0 for attendance from 31st March to 5th May, both inclusive, as per acc'ts adjusted and filed.

James Foster is appointed Lieutenant of Marines in Capt. Marsden's Company.

A warrant to Lieut. James Foster for £21.15.0 for advance and recruiting expenses of his proportion of Marines and one month's half pay of himself.

A warrant to Mr. Joseph Nevill for use Wm. Mountjoy for £11.11 upon acc't as Quarter-Master of the 3rd Virginia Battallion.

A rec't from Robt. C. Nicholas, Esq're, Treasurer, for £2,388 rec'd from the Continental Treasurer by this Comm'ee and ordered to be paid to the Treasurer.

A warrant to Capt. Webb for use Colo. Brooke for £100 upon acc't as a paymaster.

Same to Colo. Joseph Nevill for £381.0.5½, the Ballance of his acc't for sundry arms and necessaries for use Capt. Westfall's company (£171 for arms).

Same to Capt. Anderson for £22.7.9, the ball'ce of his acc't for sundries.

Same to Charles Lewis, Esq're, for use John Wilkinson, £3.4.0 for Blankets to Capt. Walker's Company, 9th Reg't.

Same to Colo. Joseph Nevill, for use Andrew Lynn, for £11.13.6 for sundries to Capt. Gibson's Company of 1st Reg't, and £9.14.0 for use sundry persons for express hire ord. by L'd Dunmore in 1774.

Same to Colo. Joseph Nevill for use Colo. Hugh Mercer for £35.16.5 for sundries for 3rd Reg't, and the expenses of fixing alarm posts on Potomac.

On considering a Letter from Colo. Hugh Mercer, the Comm'ee approve of having a pilot boat with oars, furnished at the joint expense of this Colony and Maryland, and stationed at ye mouth of the Potomac river, for the purpose of giving intelligence, w'ch Colo. Mercer is desired to communicate to the Comm'rs of Maryland.

A warrant to T. M. Randolph, Esq'r, for use sundry persons, for £20.15.0 for arms to Capt. Woodson's company, 9th Reg't.

The Comm'ee having reviewed the Journal of their proceedings, from the 6th of December to this day, inclusive, each ordered that they be laid before the General Convention.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 8 o'clock.

TUESDAY, *May 7th, 1776.*

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Present: Dudley Digges, Esq'r, President pro tempore; Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones.

A commission issued to the Judges of Southampton.

Present: Mr. President and Mr. Page.

Ordered, that all the public arms on hand or which may be hereafter received for the use of the public, be delivered to the 7th, 8th or 9th Reg't, only 'til they are completely furnished.

A warrant to Edward Snickers for £5028.7.11½, the Ballance of his account for arms and necessaries furnished sundry companies.

Same to Richard Barrand for £3 for express hire from Norfolk.

Absent: Mr. President.

Same to Edward Snickers and Abigail Morgan for £75, being for additional pay in part due to her husband, Capt. Daniel Morgan, of a rifle company, a prisoner in Quebec, allowed by a resolution of Convention.

Same to Edward Snickers, for use sundry persons, for £56.4.4½ for sundry prov's to different companies, ferriages, and other public charges.

Same to Edw'd Snickers for use John Stevens for £7.6.5 and for £1.16.0 for public expense in conveying Indian captives, &c.

Adjourned 'til the evening.

IN THE EVENING.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, and Mr. Jones.

A warrant to Wm. Booker, Esq'r, for use Chas. Allen for £61.4.5 for pay of, and hunting Shirts furnished his minute company of Prince Edward County.

Same to Paul Carrington, Esq'r, for use Simon Glen for £1.2.6 for ferriage to Capt. Hutching's Company, Pittsylvania, 6th Reg't (error).

Same to same for use Joseph Moore for £3.1.0 for halberts, fifes, and staffs to his company of militia in Charlotte.

Same to Wm. Cabell, Esq'r, for use Philemore Frayser for £4.5.0 for prov's to sundry Companies.

A comm'n issued to the Judges of Middlesex county.

Same to the Judges of Halifax County.

Cols. Buckner and Christian and Lt-Col. McClanahan, or any two, appointed to review such part of Capt. Crockett's company as were not reviewed by the County Comm'ee of Fincastle.

It appearing to the Comm'ee that John Barksdale, who was appointed by the Comm'ee of Fincastle to be 2nd Lieu't of Capt. Crockett's company, has declined that office and had not enlisted any men—Whereupon John Buchanan, who was app'd Ensign, had raised the men necessary for the 2d Lieu't, and that Thomas Quirk had raised the number re-

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quired for an Ensign: It is the opinion of the Comm'ee that Mr. Buchanan be app'd 2 Lieu't and Mr. Quirk Ensign of said Company; and ord comm's issue accordingly.

A warrant to Peter Poythiess for use Chas. Avery for £7.10.0 for 2 Guns to Capt. R. Kidder Meade's comp'y, 2nd Reg't.

Same to Lieut. Peyton for use Capt. And. Leitch for £159.8.5, pay of his Comp'y to 28th Feb'y.

Same to same for use Capt. Fitzgerald for £119.12.6, pay of his Comp'y to 28th Feb'y.

Same to same for use Capt. Andrew Leitch for £25.8.0, ball'ce of his bounty money and for recruiting Expenses and necessaries.

Same to same for use John Darnes £10 for firewood to ye Troops at Hampton.

Same to Henry Armistead for use of Sundry persons for £266.8.0 for divers Expenses for ye Lancaster minute Battallion as per acc't settled by ye Comm'rs.

Same to John Woodson for use Tucker Woodson £7.7.0 for prov's to Capt. Scrugg's Comp'y, 5th Reg't.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, *May 8th, 1776.*

Present: Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Digges, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lee.

A warrant to Nath. Norman for Wm. Graham for £2.0.0 for Gun to Capt. R. C. Anderson's Comp'y.

Same to Thomas Keith for £38 for arms, &c., to Capt. Chilton's company of Regulars.

Same to James Scott, Esq., for £38.12.6 for arms to the Culpeper Battalion; also 16s. for necessaries to a soldier in Capt. J. Ashby's comp'y of Regulars.

A warrant to Jane Scott for £2.19.6 for necessaries and support to a sick soldier in the Culpeper Batt.

Same to John Beard for use Herbert Claiborne for £4.3.3 for prov's and forage to Capts. Pleasants and Faulconer's comp's on their march.

A comm'n issued to the Judges of King and Queen.

A warrant to Capt. Willis Wills for £280.15.10 for pay of his minute comp., Princess Anne Batt. to 29th April inclusive.

Same to J. S. Wells, Esq're, for use of himself and sundry persons. £174.0.1 for sundry prov's, ferriages, arms, and other public expenses to the army.

Same to Capt. Simon Hollier £107.12.4 for the pay of the Elizabeth City Militia under his command in actual service.

Same to Mr. Geo. Booker for use John Langley for £3 for wood to ye Troops at Hampton.

Same to Thomas Keith for £10.10.0, his service as clerk to King George Comm'ee.

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Same to James Montague for use of Lodo. Jones for £4, for his services as cl'k to Middl'x Comm'ee; for use of Maurice Smith £6.8.0, for pay of Middlesex Militia under his command; and for use of Phil. Montague for £9.15.2, for Do.

Present: Mr. Bland.

Mr. Stadler appeared and rec'd his Continental comm'n as 1st Engineer of the Southern Department.

A certificate of Militia Officers in Prince Edward county ret'd and comm'ns issued.

A warrant to Wm. Watts, Esq're, for use John Nash, Gent., for £5.7.4½ for Rugs, Blankets, and other necessaries to Capt. Morton's Comp'y of Prince Edward.

Same to Robt. Mathews for use Absalom Kable for £6.12.0, for conveyance of soldiers to the Eastern Shore.

Same to John Avery and Jno. Jackson for £21.18.0 for same.

Same to Robt. Williams, Esq're, for £139.10.6 for the ball'ce of his acc't for arms and other necessaries to ye Pittsylvania comp. of regulars.

Same to Thos. Blacknall for use Sarah Blacknall for £0.12.6 for ferriages to Capt. Woodson's Company of 9th Reg't.

Same to Capt. Thomas Bullet for £2.10.0 for expenses advanced in conveying powder from Carolina.

Same to Arch. Cary, Esq're, for use sundry persons for £6.5.0, express hire and guard to the negroes sent to ye lead mines, and prov's furnished Capt. Scruggs' comp.

Same to Chas. Patterson, Esq're, for use Ant'o Christian for £1.2.6. for prov's to Cpts. Knox and Crockett's companies, Fincastle.

On the representations of Mr. Benjamin Powell, the Comm'ee agree that six slaves now in the public jail, the property of certain Tories, may be employed under the direction of Mr. Powell upon the prison lot for the use of the public, they being confined under a sufficient guard to prevent their escape.

A warrant to John Hicks for £3.10.0, a p'r pistols to Capt. Lilly.

Same to James Robertson for use Gilmour & Camp £226.6.10, and for use John Woodcock for £20.3.0 for necessaries, &c., to Lancaster Minute Batt.

On considering the further reports of Archibald Cary and John Banister, Esq'r, respecting the Brigg Hope, and it appearing that the outfit of the said Brig, together w'th the whole stores and prov's, amounting to £601.0.10½, in which is included stores val'd to £48.6.3, which the said Commissioners think not necessary for public use, and others taken by

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Capt. James Cocke for his own use, valued at £10.18.3—This Comm'ee are of opinion that Robert Donald, proprietor of two-thirds of the said Brigg, ought to be paid the sum of £368.9.9 for two-thirds of the whole expense of outfits and Stores after deducting the £48.6.3 for unnecessary stores, and the rest being considered by this comm'ee as the Interest of the Proprietor; of the other third of the said Brigg, which is deemed British property, be retained subject to future order of the convention. And the comm'ee being of opinion that 36 water casks, valued at £19.5.6. part of the £48.6.3 above mentioned, will be useful to this colony for the other armed vessels fitting out, and, Mr. Donald consenting, the Comm'ee should have them at the value aforesaid. It is ordered that they be retained for the use of the colony, and that the remainder of the articles mentioned in that account be ret'd to the s'd Donald, and the sum of £3.3.5 be paid to him to make up his two-thirds of the said articles. And it is further ord'd, that Capt. James Cocke be charged with the articles he has taken on acc't, and that he take into his possession all the stores and prov's now on board of the said Brigg except those now ordered to be delivered to the said Donald, and return an Inventory thereof to this board.

Order'd, a warrant issue to Mr. Rob't Donald for £371.13.2 pursuant to the above resolution.

Adjourned 'til the evening.

IN THE EVENING.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones.

A warrant to Lieut. Wm. Murray for £36.10.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ for arms to the Prince George Regulars of the 6th Reg't; also for Drury Worsham for £2.10.0, for cart hire in bringing arms from Petersburg to the said company. Not issued.

Same to Benj'n Putney for use of Mrs. Bailey for £1.5.6, for corn and fodder to the Culpeper Minute Battalion.

A warrant to Wm. Greene for £5.10.0 for a rifle to the public.

On consideration of a Letter from the Hon. John Hancock, President of the General Congress, of April 27th, Capt. West, the messenger, is desired to pay into the Treasury the 50,000 Dollars therein mentioned, upon account, to be exchanged for specie, to be remitted to Michael Hillegas, Esq're, Continental Treasurer; and it is the opinion of this Comm'ee that Comm'rs should be appointed in different parts of the Colony to endeavor to effect such exchange at the rates following, to wit: for half Joes, weighing 9 dwt., Eight Dollars; for pistoles, weighing 4 dwt. 6 grains, Three and 12-15 Dollars; for Guineas, Four Dollars and 2-3ds.

A warrant to Edw'd Snickers for waggon hire from ye 23rd Nov. to ye

28th Feb'y and for returning, and for use Geo. Allen £12, the hire of his waggon and team from Nov. 23rd to 18th Dec. for Capt. Alexander's comp'y.

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Same to Lieut. Wm. Lane for use John Berkeley, for waggon hire, hunting shirts, &c., to Capt. Russel's regulars, from Loudon, 5th Reg't, also for sundry necessities to the Prince William Minute Batt., the sum of £5.

Refer to the other Book.

[Which has not been found.]

TUESDAY, May 14th, 1776.

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Page, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones.

A warrant to Capt. Holt Richardson for £59.11.6 for hunting shirts and leggins to his company; also for bounty money and recruiting expenses for 3 soldiers.

Same to Wm. Cabell, Esq're, for 50s. paid an express concerning the Carolina expedition.

Same to Mr. Solomon Shepherd for £843.10.5 for his acc't for the pay of sundry minute and militia guards on the south side of James river.

Ordered, that Mr. Mathew Anderson deliver to the Keeper of the Magazine a barrel of powder in his possession, which was del'd him by the Delegates in Congress for the use of this Colony.

A warrant to Solomon Shepherd for use Lewis Almond for £13.5 $\frac{1}{4}$ for ferriage to sundry Troops at Sleepy hole.

Comm'ns issued and delivered Capt. Berry and subalterns, dated 27th March—8th Regiment. [Error; issued before.]

A war't to J. Pendleton, jnr., for £27.8.0 for use of Thos. Martin for Drums and Fifes to ye country—the former at 50s., the latter at 6s. each.

Pursuant to order of convention, Ordered, that 2,250 lbs. powder be immediately forwarded to the Frontier Counties of this colony to be deposited in the hands of the respective county comm'ees, who are to lodge it in convenient Districts, but not to distribute it except in case of actual invasion, the said Comm'ees being considered as accountable for the expenditure of the same; that the said quantity of powder be divided in the following proportions, to-wit: West Augusta, 500 lbs., Fincastle, 500, Botetourt, 500, Augusta, 500, and Hampshire, 250. And it is ordered that 150 lbs. now in the hands of Augusta Comm'ee be purchased by the public and retained as a part of the 500 now allowed to that county; and It is further ordered, that Mr. Richard Adams deliver for the use of the above mentioned counties 10,000 Flints, being 2,000 each, out of those in his possession at Richmond, and that the manager at the Lead mines

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deliver to the order of the respective comm's any quantity of lead they may require, not exceeding 2 lbs. for each pound of powder now allotted to the respective counties, and that General Lewis be desired to stop 500 lbs. now at Alexandria for the immediate supply of West Augusta.

A warrant to Thomas Moffett for £9 for Express hire from Mr. Lux.

A pass to Enoch Jones and Major Jo. Mitchell to go to Suffolk.

A warrant to Capt. Brent for £37.9.4 for pay of his comp'y to 28th Feb'y, (4th Reg't), also for £8.10.0 for ball'ce of his acc't for sundry Expenses, cart hire, &c., at ye march of his comp'y.

Adjourned till the evening.

IN THE EVENING.

Present: The same members except Mr. President, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Jones.

A warrant to Richard C. Graves for £15.5.0 for arms for the marine service.

Same to Capt. John Brent for £84.4.5½ for support of his Comp'y from their Enlistment to ye day of their march, also for 30 ruggs and Blankets (4th reg't).

Same to Mr. John Dixon, jr., for £180 on account.

Present: Mr. Jones; Absent: Mr. Bland.

Same to Capt. James Barron for £44.10.8 for the pay of the Hampton militia under his command to the 12th April.

Same to same for £108.11.6 for the pay of the men belonging to the Boat Liberty to the 25th April.

Same to same for use Rich'd Barron for £62.12.0 for do. for Boat Patriot to the 25th April.

Same to same, use Wm. Watkins for £3.0.0 for work on board the Boat Liberty.

Same to same for use John Sinclair for £3 for a musquet to Capt. Arthur Smith's comp'y.

Same to Capt. James Barron for £16.10.10½ for sundry necessaries to the Boat Liberty, also for use Capt. Rich'd Barron for 5.8.9 for 435 lbs. junk to Capt. Calvert.

Same to Capt. James Barron for use Latimer & Parish, and for £140 for ye boat Patriot.

Same to same for use Ballard & Bayley, £200 for ye boat Liberty.

Same to Chas. Lewis for £304.10.0 for one month's pay of 2 Albemarle Companies on the Carolina expedition, and his own pay the same time.

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Present: Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Bland, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lee.

Edwin Gray, Esq're, having accounted for the money advanced him to purchase arms, ordered, that the bond be delivered him.

Warrant to Capt. Brent for 30s. short allowed in his acc't for Ruggs and Blankets.

Warrant to J. Pendleton for use of Bernard Todd for £23.9.0 for diet and corn to Capt. Meade's Comp'y.

Warrant to G. Thomas Pollock for use Rich'd Curd, £3.10.0, for use Wm. Ed. Curd £3.10.0, for use Benj'n Duvall £3.10.0, for use Thomas Cauthorn £2.5.0, and for himself £14, for sundry arms to Capt. Woodson's Comp'y of 9th Reg't.

A warrant to Gab. Maupin for £11 for waggonage to the Troops at Williamsburg to 28th February.

Same to Capt. Lewellen Jones for £39 for forage for himself and Lieut. Anway and Ensign Foster of the Amelia minute men.

Same to David Garland, Esq're, for use Major John Glenn for £285, for one month's pay of himself and 2 companies from Lunenburg, ordered to Carolina; also, 20s. by him advanced for express hire.

Same to John Richards for use Edw'd Moore for £21.5.0 for hunting shirts; and for use Geo. Hamilton for £6.12.6 for Ruggs for Capt. Wallace's Comp'y of 3rd Reg't; and for use Wm. Allason for £2.10.0 for 100 lbs. Brimstone furnished the public.

It is the opinion of this Comm'ee that where any officer shall not have drawn his full ration, that the commissary of provisions be directed to rate 2 rations of flour to be equal to one of meat.

A warrant to John Hawkins for £500, and one do. for £500, upon acc't as commissary of provisions.

Ordered, that 55 stand of the best arms now in the Magazine be delivered to the Rev. Mr. Davis on his order for the use of the 9th Batt'n, and if such a number cannot be had there, the deficiency to be made up out of the carbines lately brought from the Eastern Shore.

A warrant to Robt. Mathews for pay of himself and men, a guard on duty at Gwinn's Island, £5.4.6.

Same to Nath'l Terry, Esq're, £270, for one month's pay of 2 comp's ordered to North Carolina from Halifax.

Same to Robt. Williams, Esq're, for use Lt. Col. Haynes Morgan for £422.15.0, for one month's pay of 3 companies from Pittsylvania to No. Carolina; also £4.8.6 for express hire.

Same to Bennett Goode, Esq're, for £270, for do. to 2 companies from Mecklenburg.

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Same to Thos. Reade, Esq're, for £135 for do. to one comp. from Charlotte.

A Bond of Ralph Wormley, jun'r, with Ralph Wormley sec'y, penalty £10,000, executed out of Comm. in presence of the clerk, conditioned agreeable to resolution of Convention, returned and ordered to be filed.

Adjourned 'til the evening.

IN THE EVENING.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Page, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lee.

A warrant to Henry King for use King Humplit £1.11.0 for a saddle lost on the Hampton expedition.

Ord'd, a warrant to Colo. John Ruffin £153.15, including his own pay, for one month's pay to Dinwiddie Comp'y, ord. to No. Carolina; also adjutant, Qu'r master, and Surgeon 33£, 1st Battallion.

A warrant to Nat. Terry, Esq'r, for £0.10s.9d. paid for moulds and wipers to Guns in Capt. Cocke's Comp., 7th Regiment.

A warrant to Nathaniel Terry, Esq., for use James Turner £22.3.6; for use Wm. Terry £23.10.7 for pay of the H's militia according to resolution of the Convention; also 32s.3d. for use Humphrey Hendrick by or. convention for repairs of Guns to Capt. Cocke's compa., 7th Reg't.

A warrant to Colo. John Ruffin £3.10.2 for sundry public Expenses paid for Southampton Battallion M. Men as p'r acc't; also for use Samuel Jones for 28 days' wages omitted on settlement of the pay Roll of Southampton Minute men £1.17.4.

Commissions issued to the Field officers of the two minute Battallions ordered to march to North Carolina, dated 10th May.

Ordered, that the commissary of Provisions here do furnish the waggoners employed by Col. Cary in removing the Inhabitants of Norfolk and Princess Anne counties with a sufficiency of provisions and Forage to last them to Suffolk.

A warrant to Colo. Archibald Cary for £50 upon acc't for waggon hire in removing the Inhabitants of Norfolk and Princess Anne.

A warrant to Mer. Smith, Esq'r, for use John Upshaw for £4 for the Gun to Amelia regulars, Capt. Meade.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 8 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, 16th May, 1776.

Present: Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones.

A warrant to Charles Lynch, Esq'r, for £135 for a month's pay of the Bedford Comp'y ordered to North Carolina.

A warrant to L't Edward Venable for £36.5.0 for pay and prov's to him and Co. as a Guard at Sandy Point.

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Same to L't David Perry for £38.18.10½ for do. to do.

Same to Charles Lynch, Esq'r, £84.8.9 for his acc't for manufacturing powder.

Same to Capt. John Calvert for £250 upon acc't for furnishing materials and fitting out the Galley under his command.

Same to Charles Lynch, Esq'r, for use Jessie Patey, and Stephen Clements for £5.6.11 for repairs to arms for Capt. Hutching's Company, 6th Reg't.

Order'd, that the commissary of stores deliver to Capt. Calvert, or his order, 150 yards Slaver's Duck and 100 y'ds Oznaburg for the use of his Galley.

Resolved, that any person who shall furnish the commanders of the Cruizers or Gallies now fitting out with rigging or necessaries for that purpose, be paid the full value thereof in money or repaid in kind out of any public stores which may be hereafter procured.

A warrant to Wm. Booker, Esq'r, for £135 for one mo. pay to Prince Edward Company ordered to Carolina.

Same to Wm. Robinson, Esq'r, £1.14.0 for hoes furnished ye Troops at Norfolk.

Capt. Calvert is empowered to procure a H'h'd Rum for use of his Galley at 7s. 6d.

A warrant to John Banister for £481.9.7½ for flour furnished the commissary of prov's for the use of the army.

Upon the representation of Col. Wells, one of the persons appointed by a former order to sell the Estate of John Goodrich in Isle Wight county: ord., that the young fellow lately deserted from L'd Dunmore be hired out to such person as he may choose, and the young mulatto girl servant be also hired out to some humane person, who shall give bond and security not to remove her out of the colony.

A warrant to Capt. Ralph Faulconer for £8.14.0, ball'ce of his acc't for hunting shirts to his Comp. of 5th Reg't; also 15s. 6d. for the expense for the Amelia M. Minute Men.

Colo. Buckner settled his acc't of disbursements of the £40 formerly advanced to him for contingent charges and purchase of arms, ball'ce due the public 15s., and ordered a warr't issue to him for £40 for the same purpose.

A warrant to Wm. Robinson, Esq., for use Tally Robinson for £8.14.0, for corn to ye Southampton Minute Battalion.

Same to David Minge for £3.16.10½ for ferriage of soldiers ord. to guard the Carolina prisoners from Petersburg, to be charged to the Cont'e.

Present: Mr. President.

A warrant to Colo. John Ruffin for use John Vallancier for £12.3.9 for

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Leggins to Capt. Mason's Comp'y, and for £14.15.0 for Leggins to Capt. Wall's Comp'y; and for use John Lawrence & Co. for £5.12.10 for Leggins to Capt. Goodin's Comp'y—which sums the Comm'ee are induced to allow, tho' they a little exceed the usual allowance, in consideration of the suddenness of the march and the necessity of those things being immediately furnished.

Present: Mr. Lee.

A permit granted to John Wallace to go to Suffolk on a visit, to transact some business with his brother, and to return to this city.

On a Letter from the clerk of the Court of Comm'rs for Middlesex county, Wm. Pasteur and John Dixon, Esq'res, are appointed Comm'rs and requested to take the depos'n of Andrew McCann in behalf of Charles Neilson, to be read in evidence on his trial before the said Court Comm'rs.

A warrant to Jacob Bruce for use Ensign Sam'l Coleman for £10.11.11½ for his pay and prov's as Ensign in the 8th Reg't.

Same to Colo. Willis Riddick for £500, for the use of the comm'ee app'd to assist the removal of the people of Norfolk and Princess Anne, upon acc't, in part of £1000 voted by the Convention for that purpose.

Absent: Mr. Vice-President and Mr. Bland.

A warrant to Thos. Norvell for Benj'n Fox for £7.12.6 for prov's to sundry companies.

Same to Wm. Robinson, Esq're, for use Wm. Hunter, for £11.7.11 for express hire and prov's for Princess Anne Militia.

Same to Capt. James Hubbard for £4.2.6, and for use Wm. Hall for £6.12.0 for prov's to Capt. Hubbard's Company of Militia.

Adjourned 'til the evening.

IN THE EVENING.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Digges, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Bland, Mr. Carrington, and Mr. Jones.

A warrant to Charles Lynch for use Joseph Thompson for £3.7.6, for prov's to Capt. Campbell's Company, 5th Reg't.

Same to Frederick Loyal for £6, another months pay advanced him.

Same to Messrs. Rich'd Cocks and James Wall for £30.5.1 for prov's, hunting Shirts, &c., to the Southampton district.

Mr. Rob't Cuirlie having offered the Committee to engage himself and raise 30 men to be employed in the business of building vessels for the use of the colony the Comm'ee are disposed to encourage that business, but Mr. Cuirlie being a stranger to the Comm'ee they recommend it to the Comm'ee of Norfolk or Princess Anne to proceed to the choice of a discreet and proper person to take the direction of a number of ship carpenters to be employed in the public Dock yard and certify the name of such person to this comm'ee, giving him directions immediately to

proceed to engage as many ship Carpenters as he can, whose abilities shall be satisfactorily made known to the Comm'ee to engage in the public service for at least one year, and employed in building vessels for the colony at such place as shall be appointed by the Comm'ee of Safety or other executive power, and when 30 of the said persons shall be so engaged, they proceed to Cobham, in Surry County, there to wait for further directions, the wages to be agreeable to a late advertisement of Gen. Lee's.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 8 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, 17th May, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, and Mr. Jones.

A warr't to Capt. Campbell for use Capt. Jona. Clarke of 8th Regiment, for £49.2.10½ for the pay of ball'ce of his recruiting acc't and for necessities.

Same to Capt. Campbell of 8th Reg't for £247.5.0 for pay and prov's of his company to ye 1st May.

Same to Capt. Westfall of the 8th Reg't for £219.2.0 for the pay of his Company to ye 5th May Inclusive, and for Blankets.

Same to Mr. John Gibson for £291.5.2, and for use Joseph Nicholson for £42.5.0 being for sundry Expenses in the Indian Treaty and bringing back the white prisoners from among them.

Cert' of app'n of officers and a review of Capt. Campbell's comp'y, 8th Reg't, (Dunmore), on 19th Feb'y, ret'd and or'd re'd.

A warrant to James Irwin, John Anderson, and Wilkie Dodge for 40s. each, to defray their expenses to Philadelphia.

It appearing that Capt. Morton's Prince Edward company, Capt. Campbell's Dunmore, Capt. Hawes' Caroline, and Capt. Slaughter, Culpeper, were reviewed the same day, 19th Feb'y, rank of precedence deter'd as to Campbell's company, by Lot, to be 2nd, others formerly deter'd.

Comm'n issued Capt. Campbell and subalterns (Dunmore) of 8th reg't, dated 19th Feb'y.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow.

Vide minutes from this date 'til the 29th Inst. in the other minute Book.

[The other minute book mentioned has not been found at this date.]

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THURSDAY, May 29th, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, and Mr. Jones.

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A warrant to Mr. George Abyron for £150 for Colo. Woodford's orders; also £4 for a stand of arms for Capt. Muter's rowe Galley.

Ordered, that the Colo. of the minute Batt'n of the Lancaster district do call into duty the three companies in North'd county so soon as they can be furnished with arms, to be stationed in such part of that county as he may judge most likely to protect the Inhabitants and their stock from the ravages of the Enemy; and ordered that 100 lbs. powder be del'd to the Delegates from North'd, to be forwarded to the Colonel or the Commanding officer of the Batt'n, and by him applied for the use of the comp'y.

A warr't to Col. Henry Field for £900 upon acc't as paymaster of the Culpeper minute Batt'n.

Ordered, that 50 lbs. powder be del'd to the Delegates from Richmond county, to be forwarded to Col. Peachy for use said County; also 50 lbs. lead.

A warrant to Mr. Thos. Archer for £490.16.2, the ball'ce of his acc't this day settled for sundries for ye adventure on board the Schooner Sally, and the purchase money for the said vessel.

A warrant to Capt. John Talbot for £45.0 for Drums and colours for his Company of militia of Bedford.

Same to Paul Philman for £6.15.0—being £3.10.0 for a Gun to Capt. Anderson's Comp'y, 5th Batt'n, 50s. for trophies for ye Hanover militia, and 15s. for prov's to Capt. Terril's comp'y, 5th Batt'n.

Same to Wm. Russell for £35.0 for horse hire to convey L't Battute to New Castle.

James Mercer, Esq'r, settled his acc't of expenditure of money rece'd from the Treasurer, which is ordered to be entered to his credit.

A warrant to Edward Travis for use Geo. Brett for £100 upon acc't for building the Galley under his direction.

Same to Wm. Drew for use Gasper Seever for £7.9.0 for prov's furnished Capt. Darke's Company of 8th Reg't.

Same to Geo. Mason, Esq'r, for £3.10.0 for a musquet to 3rd Reg't.

Adjourned 'til the Evening.

IN THE EVENING.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones.

Pursuant to a resolution of convention—Ordered, that the march of the several minute men and militia to the assistance of North Carolina be immediately countermanded by Express, and that the s'd several companies be ordered to march to the several stations, following respectively, there to wait for further orders from this Comm'ee—viz.: The Comp'ys from Amelia, Charlotte, Meck'b'g, Lunenburg, Pittsylvania, Dinwiddie, and Halifax to Petersburg; those from Louisa, Albemarle,

and Hanover to Hanover Town; those from Prince Edward, Bedford, Amherst, and Buckingham to Manchester Town; that from Cumberland to Manchester or Richmond, and Sussex and Brunswick to Sussex court House.

Capt. Arthur Sinclair is permitted to depart this Colony to the Island of Nevis, advertising himself according to law.

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SATURDAY, *June 1st, 1776.*

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Present: Mr. Digges, President pro tempore; Mr. Cabell, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Bland, Mr. Lee, Mr. Jones, Mr. Tabb.

Upon information to the Comm'ee by Colo. Syme that Jacob Elligood, a prisoner, has behaved in a suspicious manner, and that he has become very obnoxious to the inhabitants of Hanover Town and parts adjacent, it is ordered that he be removed to Winchester and confined upon his parole, to be taken by Colo. David Kenedy, within the limits of the s'd town.

Permits granted to Thos. Evans and Richard Hanson to depart the Colony.

On the representation of Colo. Syme, it is ordered that Lieutenant Battute be permitted to go to any place within 3 miles of either of the s'd places, on the same side of the river, upon his parole, to be taken by Colo. Syme.

Ordered, that Mr. Wm. Brent be empowered and requested to remove, in such manner as he shall judge best, the slaves lately condemned by Stafford Court to the Lead mines.

A warrant to Wm. Diggs, Esq'r, for use Thomas Gibbs, for £8.7.6 for repairing arms to Capt. Smith's comp'y, 7th Reg't.

Same to Col. Southy Simpson for £70, for pay of the Accomack Militia on duty in Northampton county; also for £27.4.2 for his expenses to and from Philadelphia to purchase arms for the public; also for two guns furnished the 9th Batt.

Mr. John Herbert, a master shipbuilder, is empowered by this Comm'ee to engage any number of ship carpenters he can procure upon reasonable terms, and he is directed to view and examine all such places upon James River or its branches as he may think proper and convenient for erecting ship-yards at, and report to this Comm'ee.

Present: Mr. President.

Ordered, that Capts. Dean and Calvert and Arthur Sinclair, or any 2, do view and examine all the cannon lately brought to James Town, and report to this Comm'ee their value and whose property they are.

Com'ns issued to the Judges of Fincastle.

An acc't of the Expenses of the 1st and 2nd reg'ts from the 1st Nov.

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'til the 28th Feb'y, having been made up and certified by the commissioners, was examined by the Comm'ee and ordered to be transmitted to the Delegates in General Congress. Am't to 103,484 Dollars.

A warrant to Capt. William Duval for use Samuel Duval for £25, for 500 b'ls coal furnished James Anderson for public use.

James Foster is app'd captain of the comp'y of Marines on James River in the room of James Marsdon, Charles Bush 1st Lieut., Jacob Valentine 2nd, and John Davies 3rd.

A warrant to Capt. James Foster for £7.15.0 upon acc't for recruiting service for his comp. Marines.

A warrant to Lieut. John Davies for £14.5.0 upon acc't for recruiting service in the comp. of Marines whereof James Foster is Captain and for 1 mo. half pay (Jas. River).

A warrant to Gab'l Galt for use Lt. Jacob Valentine for £15.15.0 for recruiting service and purchase of arms.

A Letter written to the Virginia Delegates in Congress inclosing the acc'ts for the 1st and 2nd Reg'ts as cert'd by the Comm's.

Pursuant to a resolution of the General Convention, a Letter was written to Mr. Richard Harrison of the Island of Martinico enclosing copies of sundry Resolutions of Congress, also that of the convention made the 15th last month relative to Independence. Another of the same Import enclosing other copies of the said Resolutions was also written to ———, of the said Island (copies filed and ordered to be recorded), the said Letters were sent enclosed to Jacob Wray, Esq'r, of Hampton, requesting him to put on board the first boat bound for the Martinico, and a Letter of Instructions for the Capt. of such boat, to be directed by Mr. Wray, was also enclosed to him requiring the s'd Capt. to sink the packett in case of danger.

Adjourned 'til Monday 8 o'clock.

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MONDAY, *June 3d, 1776.*

Present: Mr. Digges, President pro tempore, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones, Mr. Tabb.

Ordered, that Major Hendricks be ordered to furnish Mr. Andrews with the Boat lately put into the possession of two members of the Comm'ee of Eliz'th city to assist him in taking a survey of the country about Hampton.

A warrant to French Strother for £45.4.0 for use of himself and others for provisions to Capt. Thornton's Comp'y, 3rd, and Capt. Slaughter's Comp'y, 8th reg't, and for waggon hire to Culpeper Batt'n.

Absent: Mr. Bland.

A warrant to Ralph Booker for use Wm. Dudley, for 19s. for Ferriages to Capt. Flemming's comp'y, Cumberland.

Ordered, that General Lewis be requested to give orders to furnish the Comm'rs app'd to erect salt works with such spare shovels and spades at any of the stations convenient to such works, to aid and assist them in carrying on the same.

A warrant to Wm. Caul for £11.10.0 for three Guns furnished the public by himself and others.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Bland.

A pass to John McGeorge to pass through the Colony, on his way to Philadelphia.

A warrant to Gab. Galt for £5.4.0 for nursing and attend'e, prov's, &c., to two sick soldiers of Capt. Patteson's comp.; and for use of John McKeand £3.16.3 for Linen furnished the prisoners at Richmond.

Ord., that Capt. Wm. Washington's and Capt. Wm. Tabb's companies of minute men of the Lancaster Batt. be called into duty and employed in the county of Westmoreland for the protection of the inhabitants there at such stations as the comm'ee of that county shall direct, and such as want arms procure the best they can from ye militia.

Ord., that 25 men out of Capt. Berryman's and 25 men out of Capt. Taylor's Company of minute men in Lancaster county be called into duty under the proper officer and stationed as the comm'ee of the said county shall direct for the protection of the inhabitants, provided the said minute men can be properly furnished with arms.

A warrant to David Garland, Esq'r, for use sundry persons for £32.3.6 for arms to Capt. Garland's Comp'y, Lunenburg, ord. to Carolina.

On consideration of a report from Col. Woodford, it is ordered that the chariot and harness, a bay horse, a chestnut sorrel mare, now in W'msburg, two mares and colts in the possession of Henry Herbert, and a clock in the possession of Mr. Anthony Walke, taken as the property of Mr. Geo. Logan, who joined himself to Lord Dunmore's Fleet upon our Troops entering Norfolk, be appraised—the mares and colts and clock by three persons to be app'd by the Comm'ee of Princess Anne, and sold at public auction for ready money by any person the Comm'ee shall appoint; which Comm'ee may also have appraised and sold any other perishable effects belonging to the said Logan in that county or Norfolk, and are further desired to cause four negroes in the possession of Mr. Walke to be hired out until the 4th of December next to the highest bidder; the chariot, harness, horse, and mare to be appraised by Dr. Galt, Mr. Nicolson, and Mr. Powell, and Mr. Harwood, or any three, and sold by Col. Aylett, and that the s'd appraisments and acc'ts be ret'd to the Comm'ee and the money paid into the Treasurer.

Mr. William Lindsey is appointed and empowered to collect all the cannon in different parts of the country, except such as the commanding officer in Gloucester may detain out of those in that county for the use of the Troops there, and forward them in such manner as he may judge

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safe and convenient with all dispatch to this city, and the commanding officers at the several stations are desired to furnish him wth waggons for that purpose, if to be spared; if not, he is directed to hire waggons.

A warrant to Wm. Hill and Wm. Parsons for £11.16.4 for their pay, &c., as cadets in Capt. Ruffin's company, 6th Reg^t, 'til 6th May.

Adjourned til' to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, *June 4th, 1776.*

Present: Mr. Digges, President pro tempore; Mr. Carrington, Mr. Jones, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Tabb, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Walker.

A warrant to John Bate for use John and George Towler for £275, Messrs. Mason & Dalton's order for the sloop Liberty.

Same to Thos. Walker, Esq^r, for use Wm. Lewis for £5.10.0, and for use Wm. Sims for £5 for two rifle guns to Capt. Walker's comp., 9th Reg^t.

Same to Samuel McDowell, Esq^r, for use of Jos. Moore for £5, for a rifle Gun to Fontaine's comp., 2nd Reg^t.

Same to Wm. Moore for use Rowland Thomas for £8.6.9, for sundries to minute and regular companies; and for use Wm. Bell for £2.15.6, for prov's to Capt. Taylor's Company, 2nd Regiment.

A warrant to John Newell for £12 for waggonage of 2000 lbs. lead from Fincastle.

Capt. Nicholas Lewis and Roger Thompson, of the Albemarle min'e comp., ord. to Carolina, ret'd their acc'ts of the expenditure of one mo. pay advanced to each comp. by Col. Lewis; ball'ce due from each £6; ordered to be placed to their debits.

A warrant to Thomas Walker, Esq., for use Nich's Lewis for £57.10.6 for prov's, hunting shirts, and other necessities to his comp. from Albemarle, ord. to Carolina.

Same to Elijah Craig for use Chas. Smith for £5, for a rifle to Capt. Walker's Comp., 9th Reg^t.

Present: Mr. Bland and Mr. Lee.

On considering the proceedings of the Court of Enquiry of Middlesex county on the Trial of Charles Neilson and his petition to this board, it is ordered that his appeal be heard on Saturday next upon the record of the s'd proceedings.

Ordered, that General Lewis be requested* to appoint proper persons to view and examine the rifles brought to Town by Mr. Madison and make report to this board.

A warrant to Frasier Story for £3 for wood to ye Troops at Hampton prior to ye 28th Feb.

A Letter enclosing a copy of the resolution of Convention respecting

Gov. Eden, written to Chas. Carroll, Esq'r, President of the Maryland Convention, as follows: Sir, &c. A copy filed.

Present: Mr. President.

A warrant to John S. Wells for Robt. Miller for £8 for two Guns to Smith's comp., 4th Reg't.

Same to Wm. Randolph for £11.10.0 for waggon hire.

Same to John Tabb, Esq'r. for use Jno. Pride for £84.10.0 for prov's, house room, and firewood to Edw'd Meade's Comp., Amelia, 2nd Reg't.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow, 8 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, *June 5th, 1776.*

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Present: Mr. Digges, President pro tempore; Mr. Carrington, Mr. Bland, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Jones, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Tabb.

A warrant to Jno. Robinson for £2.16.6 for waggonage to sailors of the Potomack Department.

Same to David Jameson for £13.5.0 for wood furnished the Troops at York.

Same to John Mayo for £21.16.0 for 3 rifles, 1 musket, a Blanket, and pott (21s. furnished the Cumberland minute comp. or'd to Carolina).

Present: Mr. Lee.

A warrant to Jos. Winn for use sundry persons for £71.8.6 for arms and prov's furnished the Lunenburg Comp'y or'd to Carolina.

Same to Allen Stokes for use sundry persons for £21.12.9 for arms and prov's to do.

Same to John Mayo for use Jos. Harris for £10.2.0 for prov's to Knox & Crockett's comp.

Ord., that Gen. Lewis be requested to give directions to deliver to the orders of Mr. John Calvert two eighteen-pounders out of those at James Town for use of his Galley.

Present: Mr. Walker.

A warrant to Mr. McCarty for use John Saunders for £3.1.6 for Express hire from Richmond and carrying ammunition for the said county.

Same to same for use Wm. Miskell for 13s.9d. for 5½ lbs. saltpetre.

Same to John T. Mercer for £3 for his Forage as adju't to ye Caroline Batt.

Same to John Baird, jr., for £1.9.6, Express hire on ye Carolina Expedition.

Present: Mr. President.

A warrant to Dr. Walker for use John Boswell for £17 for waggon hire to ye 7th Reg't.

Same to Argyle Herbert for use Capt. Calvert for £100 upon acc't to pay the Carpenters employed on his Galley.

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The Comm'ee agree to take so many of the Guns mentioned in Mr. West's letter at his price as shall be approved of and received by Major Marshall or the commanding officer at Alexandria, or any further arms he may hereafter offer at the same price that shall be so approved of—any new arms he may procure to be of the sort mentioned in a former resolution of this comm'ee.

A warrant to Capt. Philip Taliaferro for £58.1.11 for the pay of his Comp. of minute men of the Gloster District for their training duty in April and May and for hunting Shirts and Leggings for the new recruits: also £5.14.9, ye Expenses of a Guard on J. T. Corbin.

As many of the Soldiers, Marines, and Seamen are frequently passing through the Town of Fredericksburg and are accidentally taken sick there without the assistance of the Surgeons of the Reg't or cruizer to which they belong—The Comm'ee think it prudent to accept the proposition of Dr. John Julian to attend all such sick and furnish medicines at 10s. per day, to be paid only for such time as there shall actually be some persons sick under his care, and that he also be empowered to provide an Hospital and other necessaries proper for such sick, and he be desired to keep an acc't of the regiment or department to which each sick person under his care may belong.

A warrant to Colo. Hugh Mercer for £180 upon acc't for the pay of his 3 comp's at Alexandria to the 28th Feb'y.

Same to James Hansborough for £2.5.0 for a Gun to 3d Reg't.

Same to Nath'l Terry for use Chas. Boils for 6s.8d., his pay as a soldier formerly marched to Carolina from Halifax County.

Same to James Mercer, Esq., for use Rich'd Jarvis for £3.18.9 for Express hire from Fredericksburg.

A Letter was written to Col. Lewis, of Gloster, in answer to his of the 3rd Instant, desiring him to forward 4000 lbs. powder, all the Balls, and half the sheet lead to W'msburg, agreeing to take all the Goods of private persons at common selling price; continent powder to remain under Guard 'til Congress give directions; vessel to be retained for public use and employed as a Tender or on a voyage similar to her late one.

A Letter written to the Hon. Delegates in Congress as follows (a copy filed).

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 8 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, *June 6th, 1776.*

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones, Mr. Tabb.

A warrant to Thomas Prosser for use John Hodge's Est. for £5 for waggon hire to Charlottesville with prisoners from Richmond.

Same to Fred. Martin for use of Fred. Briggs, £3 for Gun to Garland's Comp. Linen. Ord. to Carolina.

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Same to James Madison for himself and Wm. Morton for £48.5.0 for sundry Blanketts furnished the Culpeper minute Batt.

Present: Mr. Lee.

Mr. Chas. Calvert is appointed to superintend the building of the two row Gallies ordered by convention to be employed in Ocrocock for the protection of the Trade of this colony and North Carolina; he is to engage a master builder to act as director of the Yard and as many workmen as he may judge necessary for prosecuting the work with Expedition, and having the vessels finished as soon as possible; he is to procure all necessaries for building—Iron, Cordage, Rigging, and provide for the workmen upon the best terms he can, keeping an exact account of all his disbursements, which, with the workmen's wages and a reasonable allowance for his trouble, will be repaid by the public. It is left to Mr. Calvert to fix the yard at such place as he may judge best on Blackwater or Nottoway, recommending it to him to keep in view the conveniency of transporting cordage and Iron to it, which shall be brought down James River.

Ord., that 50 lbs. powder out of the public stock at Fredericksburg be delivered to Colo. Brokenbrough for the use of the Militia of Richmond county, he having engaged to be accountable for the expenditure thereof.

Ord., that the commanding officer of the Lancaster Minute Batt. call into duty 25 minute men of one of the Richmond companies, under the command of a Lieut., to be stationed as he shall think best for the protection of the inhabitants of that county.

A warrant to Major Thomas Johnson for £48.9.4 for arms and sundries for public use.

Same to Mr. Rob. Williams for use Samuel Calland & Co. £12.10.0 for Leggings furnished Capt. Hutchings' Comp'ny, Pittsyva.

Three comm'ns issued to militia officers, Chas. City.

A warrant to Capt. Robt. Tompkins for £150 upon acc't to pay the carpenters employed on his Galley in Gloucester and other expenses.

Ord., that Captain Tompkins be permitted to take two eighteen-pounders now lying at York Town for use of his Galley.

Ord., that the Commissary of Stores deliver Capt. Tompkins 20 lbs. Twine for use of his Galley.

A warrant to Capt. Henry Taylor for £70.15.0 for sundry and other Expenses of Southampton minute men; and for use John Taylor for £28.13.0, his wages, &c., as quarter-master to s'd Batt.; for use of Abraham Jones 5s. for horse hire; for use Wm. Ridley £10.4.4½, his pay as surgeon's mate, and for use Wm. Miller £23.12.0 as quarter-master sergeant to s'd Batt.

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The Comm'ee being informed that the commanding officers of the militia in several counties have neglected to allot the men into divisions, ready to be called into duty in proper rotations, from a mistaken opinion that such allotment was not to be made until upon the want of their actual service it should appear there were not sufficient volunteers to answer the purpose. Whereas this Comm'ee are of opinion that such arrangements should have been made in the month of March last, altho' the divisions were not to be called on in case of Invasion and Insurrections if the necessary number could be made up by volunteers. It is therefore recommended to the several officers who have not already done it, to proceed to make such allotments as the ordinance of Convention requires without delay. Ord. to be published.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 8 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, *June 7th, 1776.*

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Tabb, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones.

A warrant to Nicholas Faulconer, jr., Esq., for £39.3.0, ballance of his acc't for 54 Guns furnished Capt. Watkins' comp. (acc't for money advanced settled); also for use sundry persons for £5.14.0 for sundries furnished the public. (Mr. Faulconer's Bond ord. to be cancelled.)

Same to Capt. Cabell for £37.17.0 for subsistence of his company before their rendezvous. Comm'ns issued and deliv'd.

Capt. Patterson and officers of the 6th Batt., he being reviewed the same day (to wit, 24th February) with Capts. Brent's and Pleasants' companies, his rank determined by Lot to give place to them. Others determined before.

A warrant to Mr. Yelverton Peyton for £5.1.9, ballance of his acc't resettled for prov's, Lodging, and necessaries to sundry minute men of Prince Wm. Batt.

Same to Mrs. Frances Williams for £11, out of the money ord. by Convention for the sufferers by the fire at Norfolk.

Same to Wm. Spellman for 20s. for bringing some seamen up James River.

A pass granted Geo. Kerr to go to Edenton.

A warrant to Apollos Cooper for £137.10.0, to pay Capt. West's Comp., 3rd Reg't, from ye 9th to ye 28th Feb'y; also £10.2.6 for waggon hire due to Capt. West.

Comm'ns issued and del'd Capt. West and officers (except Ensign), dated 9th Feb'y (3rd Reg't).

A warrant to John Talbot, Esq'r, for use John Hunt, for £8.1.6 for sundry medicines and atten'ce to Knox's and Crockett's Comp's of 7th and 8th Reg'ts.

Same to same for £55.15.5, bal'nce of his acc't for money formerly advanced to purchase arms.

Same to same for use John Philips for £11.8.0, for waggonage of lead and powder from Bedford.

Same to same for use Isham Talbot for £15.0.0. for do. to Capt. Scruggs' Comp., 5th Batt., to 10th April.

Same to same for use James Davis for £13.10.0 for Do. to Do. to 10th April.

Ordered, that the Treasurer enter to the credit of the Estate of John Robinson, Esq'r, £10.4.0, for Lead purchased of the lead mine company and charge the same to the public.

A warrant to John Talbot, Esq'r, use Chas. Lynch, Esq'r, for £50, upon acc't to carry on the Saltpetre work.

Same to Geo. Weeden, Esq'r, for use Jenifer & Hooe for £230, for 100 lbs. Bark furnished the army.

The Comm'ee of Gloster are desired to take such measures as to them shall seem proper respecting the vessel in which Mr. Cann was taken and the other vessels taken there.

A warrant to Colo. Werdon for £75.10.8, the pay of sundry cadets in ye 3rd Reg't to this day.

Ord., a warrant to Colo. Banister for use Thomas Scott for £11.10.0, for waggon hire.

Same to Messrs. Howard & Hewitt for £50 upon acc't, to enable them to carry on the Salt Works as comm'rs app'd by convention in York county. Bond ex'd, ackn'd, and ord. re'd.

Ordered, that Caleb Herbert be retained as a master builder of a ship-yard upon Rappahannock, and Reuben Herbert for such yard on York River, and each of them are desired as soon as possible to engage a proper number of workmen for building two Rowe Gallies, to be employed in each of the said Rivers for the purpose of transporting Troops across them, according to resolution of convention.

Ordered, that the three deserters from the Roebuck, lately brought to this place and confined by a former order, be now discharged, as there remains no danger of their communicating the small-pox or any other malignant disease to the inhabitants of this colony.

Ord., that the large Rifle Gun purchased of Mr. John Pryor be delivered to Maj'r Nelson for the use of the 7th Batt.

A warrant to Col. Bassett for £21.4.8 for 3 Beaves to Capt. Lilly for Brig Liberty.

A warrant to William Madison for £31.16.9, Bal'ce his acc't for purchase of arms, having rendered his acc't for £1000 advanced him for that purpose; also £5 for 2 drums purchased for Capt. Posey and Stephenson.

Same to Pat. Lochart for use Wm. McLelin for £10 for waggonage from Bote't w'th arms purchased by Mr. Maddison.

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Same to J. Pendleton, jr., for use of Wm. Beardley, £3.12.0 for making and fitting 9 Bayonets to Pleasant's comp'y, 5th Reg't.

Same to Rob't Smith for £5, waggon. to Russell's comp., 5th, and 12s.6d. waggon. in removing cannon.

Same to James Hunter for £150 for 25 Guns purchased for public use by order of convention; also £250 upon acc't for purchase of arms, Intrenching Tools and Iron.

Ordered, that the Quartermaster deliver Rob't Smith 5 days' prov's for himself and provender for his horses, waggon being employed for the public.

Mr. Richard Taylor is empowered to furnish the minute men on the Carolina expedition, stationed at Petersburg, with prov's while they remain there.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY, *June 8th, 1776.*

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Present: Mr. Digges, President pro temp., Mr. Carrington. Mr. Mercer. Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, and Mr. Bland.

A warrant to Jos. Clapham for £82.18.1½ for Drums and Fifes furnished the Loudon Militia and for sundries furnished the public.

Same to Colo. Frances Peyton for £35.10.0 for arms furnished Capt. West's comp'y of the Prince William Batt.; also £5.8.0 for use Wm. Johnson for a stand of colours to Loudon militia, and for use Isaac Humphries £8.12.0 for 13 days' service as Lieut. to Russell's Comp., 5th reg't. not having made up his quota, altho' he recruited 7 men, was displaced.

Same to P. R. T. Lee for £138.1.9½, pay of his comp'y of 3rd Batt. to 28th Feb'y.

Same to Silas Cooper for £54.15.0 for hunting shirts and hat binding to Russell's comp'y, 5th Reg't.

Same to Wm. Aylett, Esq'r, for £23.16.6 for Bread and Flour furnished Capt. Travis and his Galley.

Same to Rev. Thomas Davis for £31.13.9 for 2 boats purchased by Northampton Comm'ee for use of the Troops on the Eastern Shore.

A commission issued to the Judges of Loudon County.

Present: Mr. President and Mr. Jones.

Ordered, that 50 lbs. powder from Fredericksburg be del'd to the order of the County Lieut. of Essex, to be by him safely kept for use of his militia.

Mr. John Lyne, of King and Queen County, is employed to furnish the 2 min. comp'ys to be sent from that county to Middlesex with prov's at 7½d. p'r ration, provided he will agree thereto and give Bond.

A warrant to Lieut. Jas. Quarles for £49.1.0, for pay and prov's of his part of Capt. Cocke's Comp'y of Marines, and for use Jno. Quarles, sen'r, for £5.11.0 for prov's to Do.

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Ord., the Keeper of the Magazine deliver Lt. Quarles 100 lbs. lead for his Marines.

Wm. Saunders is app'd master of the Adventure pilot boat, to be employed as a cruizer in the Rappahannock.

A warrant to Lt. Wm. Gregory for £3.0.2, for pay and prov's of a guard to negroes sent to Mr. Lynch from Chas. City to Warwick.

On consid. the petit'n of the deserters from L'd Dunmore, they are permitted to leave the naval service and enlist in the land service, provided they return the bounty money rec'd of Capt. Westcot, and until such Inlistment the commissary to furnish ym w'th provi's.

Mr. Faulconer having settled his acc't w'th the Comm'ee of money advanced to purchase arms, ord. his bond be cancelled and del'd him.

Ord., that the commanding officer of the minute men rendezvoused at Petersburg be directed to march them to Cobham 'til further orders.

A pass to Thomas Fisher to go to Suffolk.

A warrant to Sergeant Kelley for £6.16.0 for 34 days' pay as Adj't to 4th Batt.

Ord., that the General be requested to give it out in orders that all the officers in the Continental service who have not rec'd their comm'n's appear before the Comm'ee to receive them.

A warrant to John Green, jr., for £56.12.6 for Wm. Ronald's order in his favor, to be charged the said Ronald as paymaster of the 9th Batt.

Same to James Gordon, Esq'r, for £4.0.4½, for Expenses paid for Transportation of powder to Lancaster.

A Letter to Virginia Delegates and one other to the Council of Safety of North Carolina were written (copies filed) and ord. to be recorded.

A warrant to Major Spotswood for £24.6.6 for his Forage to 28th Feb'y.

Same to John Ferguson for £16.8.4, his acc't for negro hire and attendance, &c., in the Palace Garden as public Gardener.

Absent: Mr. Mercer.

A pass to Alex'r Thompson to go to Portsmouth, and to John McIntire to go to Gloster Town.

Same to Wm. Alexander to go thro' the Colony on his way to Philadelphia.

Same to Mr. Wilcason Barsdy, of Urbanna, to go up the Bay in his vessel.

David Mason, Esq'r, having accounted for £120 advanced him to purchase arms, ordered that his Bond be delivered to him.

A warrant to Wm. Pitt for £5.1.4 for bunting furnished Capt. Travis; also £38.10.0 for 13 Guns furnished do. for his Galley.

On hearing the appeal of Mr. Charles Neilson from the Judgment of

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the Court of Comm'rs for Middlesex county. It is the opinion of the Comm'ee that the said proceedings and the verdict thereon are sufficient to proceed to judgment on. Therefore the Comm'ee do resolve that he be confined w'thin the limits of the county of Fauquier 'til the further order of Convention, Comm'ee of Safety, or other executive power, and that he be committed to custody until he give security in the penalty of £1000 for keeping such limits, and with condition to repair to the said county within 20 days, that he do not depart without the s'd limits until he shall be permitted so to do by the Convention or others having the executive powers of Government during their recess, nor give intelligence to or in any manner aid or assist the Enemy.

John Agnew, cl'k, not being able to procure personal security for his future good behavior, according to a former order of the Comm'ee, voluntarily proposed to convey his lands and slaves to the use of the colony as a security for such good behavior, which is accepted by the Comm'ee and the conveyance executed. 'Tis hoped all remembrance of his former conduct will be forgotten, and that his future will be such as to recommend him to ye enjoyment of peace and harmony with the society. Col. Riddick (a witness) took the deed to have it recor'd in Nansemond court and to return it when recor'd, with a certificate of its being admitted to record.

Adjourned 'til Monday 8 o'clock.

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MONDAY, *June 10th, 1776.*

Present: Mr. Digges, President pro tempore; Mr. Carrington, Mr. Bland, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, and Mr. Jones.

A warrant to Benjamin Watkins, Jr., for use of Robert Donald for £1.0.8 for Ferriages to certain Troops of the Navy at Warwick.

Same to Alex. Spotswood for £4 for a Gun.

A permit to Joseph Eggleton to go to Hampton.

Same to Lt. Col. Scott for £8.9.5½ for the ballance of his acc't for rations to ye 28th Feb'y.

Same to the members and officers of this Comm'ee for £476.15.0, for their attendance and services from 6th of May to this day inclusive.

Same to Nath'l Burwell, Esq'r, for £6.10.0 for a Spy Glass to the army.

Same to Major John Glenn for £20.12.6, for pay of his minute comp'y in the month of March, of Mecklenburg district.

Same to Abram Crosswright for £0.11s., for Corn and Fodder.

Ord., the Keeper of the Magazine deliver Capt. Mitchell a Drum for his Marines.

Present: Mr. President.

Col. Syme is desired to provide provisions for the minute men and

militia at Hanover Town during the time of their stay there, and Col. Overton for same at Richmond.

A warrant to Isaac Smith, Esq'r, for £40.5.7½, for sundries furnished the Eastern Shore Batt.

Same to same for use Edw'd Curtis for £75, for 250 lbs. powder for use of the public.

Same to John Mayo, Esq'r, for use Anto. Christian for 22s., for nursing sick soldier of Patterson's comp., 6th Reg't.

Same to Alex'r Bessie for £4, for a Gun to Capt. Ruffin's comp., 6th Batt.

Same to Smith Bleakey for £8.13.4, for making oars for the Hero Galley.

Ord., that the two comp's. of minute men in Loudon who are complete, be marched to Alexandria and continue on duty there 'til further orders, to relieve the three comp's. of the 3rd Reg't now on duty there.

A warrant to James Marshall for use Hon. Jno. Tayloe, Esq'r, for £705.8.3, for sundry cannon Ball, plank, and Pigg Iron furnished for the Navy in Portsmouth.

Same to Same for £30.6.8 for a quantity of shot for the navy in Rappahannock river.

George Mason and John Dalton, Esq'rs, are requested to view a Blanket made at a Manufactory lately set up in Pennsylvania, and if they approve thereof, that they contract for the purchase of 2000 upon the best terms they can, to be delivered agreeable to such sample.

A warrant to John Muschett for use John Riddel for £3.6.0, for rugs to Prince Wm. Batt. min. men, also for use Lewis Hipkins, £4.10.0 for a Rifle Gun to 3rd Virg'a Regiment.

The Comm'ee of Elizabeth City, are desired to agree w'th proper persons to convey the several vessels now in Hampton River, to some safe place up Appomattox river, to be deliv'd into the care of Dinwiddie Comm'ee, and by them safely kept 'til the further order of this board, and the Comm'ee of Eliza. City are further requested to send up by the said vessel, 4 of the 18 pounders at Hampton, to be landed at Burwell's Ferry, and if any of them burst in proof, they send the pieces by the said vessels to Appomattox.

Ordered, that the Commanding officer at Hampton be requested to prove all the cannon at that place and report to this board.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to George Reid for seventeen pounds five shillings for arms furnished Captain Travis, and Thirty-one pounds ten shillings for arms furnished Captain Mitchell.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Mr. Edward Champion Travis for nineteen pounds ten shillings for a Top Sail, main Sail, and Jibb sold to Captain Travis.

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Ordered, that the Keeper of the Public Magazine do deliver to Lieutenant Mercer fifty-eight Guns and sixty-six bay'nets for the use of Captain Washington's company, of the third Battalion, and Mr. Mercer is to return seventeen Guns in the hands of the said Company which are unfit for use.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to William Booker for the use of Thomas Hamblett for five pounds ten shillings for a Rifle Gun purchased of Adam Jones for the Prince Edward minute men.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to William Reynolds for Two Hundred and Fifty-Three pounds one shilling and nine pence half penny for sundry disbursements in fitting out the Brigg Liberty.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Bolling Starke, Esquire, for the use of sundry persons for twenty-nine pounds, ten shillings, for arms furnished Captain Ruffin's company, of the 6th Battalion.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Mr. John Hatley Norton for seventeen pounds fourteen shillings for Rum furnished the Guard to the Prize vessell at Cumberland Town, and for six pounds seventeen shillings and six pence for waggonage of arms from Winchester.

Ordered, that the Keeper of the Public Magazine do deliver to Captain Walker two hundred and four cartouch boxes, seven hundred and fifty pickers and brushes, a Rheam of Cartridge Paper for the use of the ninth Battallion.

Ordered, that warrant issue to Captain Walker for eleven pounds, six shillings and four pence for necessities furnished his company.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Walker for the use of Samuel Carr for five pounds for a Rifle Gun furnished his company.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Joseph Morton for the use of William Morton for one pound, for two blankets furnished the Charlotte minute men, and six shillings for a Fife furnished Captain Morton, his militia Company.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Walker for the use of William Ronald for two thousand five hundred pounds on account as Paymaster to the Eastern Shore Battalion.

A certificate of the review of Captain Collier's minute Company, in the County of Charlotte, on the 27th of May, was returned and ordered to be filed.

The Committee adjourned till to-morrow eight o'clock.

Signed:

EDMUND PENDLETON.

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TUESDAY, 11th June, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Jones.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain James Cocke for two hundred and fifty pounds on account, to furnish necessaries for the outfit of his Cruiser, and to pay the wages of the workmen.

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Ordered, that William Ivey and Robert Brett be permitted to pass from hence to Kemp's Landing.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Joseph Morton for the use of James Venable for one pound, fourteen shillings and three pence for provisions furnished Captain Collier's Minute Company of the county of Charlotte.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Richard Covington for nine shillings, for provisions furnished a Guard with the arms sent to this city by Mr. Edward Snickers.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Bartlett Anderson for the use of sundry persons for eight pounds sixteen shillings, for arms and other articles furnished for the public use.

Ordered, that Mr. Richard Taylor do deliver to Captain James Cocke out of the provisions at Petersburg, such as he may want for the use of his Cruiser.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Dr. George Gilmour for the use of Thomas Simpson, for twenty-three pounds, three shillings and five pence, for Rugs furnished Captain Anderson's company of the fifth Battalion.

Captain George Johnston, of the second Battalion, attended pursuant to General Orders from Brigadier General Lewis, and being offered his Continental commission, refused to accept the same, and it is ordered that the same be certified to the Brigadier. Lieutenant Markes, of the second Battalion, and Lieutenant Russell, of the same Battalion, attended and received their Continental commissions.

A certificate of the review of Captain Taylor's Company from Orange on the 8th of May was returned, and Captain Taylor attended with his subalterns and received commissions dated accordingly.

Ordered, that the Commissary of Stores do credit Captain Massie in account for sixty-one pounds five shillings and six pence, the amount of a stated allowance for hunting shirts, leggins, and bindings furnished his company.

Ordered, that the Keeper of the Public Magazine do deliver to Mr. John Ballandine one hundred pounds of powder for the use of the Blast Furnace.

Resolved, that Brigadier-General Lewis be requested to order the Muster-Master-General to repair immediately to Gloucester county to muster the seventh Battalion and report the same to this Board.

Resolved, that George Mason, Esquire, be authorized to draw on the Commissary of Provisions here for rations to such seamen as may come to this city engaged for the Potowmack River Department.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Vinson Johnson, John Short and William Lively for one pound ten shillings each, to support them to

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Philadelphia; and it is ordered that they be permitted to pass accordingly.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to John Gardner for the use of Abraham Warmington for twenty-one shillings, for horse hire and harness lost in the public service.

Resolved, that William Carroll and Isham Edwards be permitted to pass with provisions from the counties of Isle of Wight and Surry to this city and to return.

A letter to Mr. William Ronald on the Eastern Shore, was read, approved of, and ordered to be Recorded.

Absent: Mr. Lee.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Samuel McDowell, Esq'r, for seven pounds, seventeen shillings and eight pence for a drum and colours furnished the Augusta Militia.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Charles McCarty, Esquire, for the use of William Colston, for seventeen shillings, for provisions furnished the Richmond Militia.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Lieutenant Joseph Curd for the use of Nathaniel Jeffries for one pound, for express hire.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Charles Gregory for the use of Joseph Poythress for six pounds, for two musquets.

Resolved, that the Committee for the county of Lancaster be authorized to call into actual service, if they think it necessary, the whole of the two minute companies in that county, provided they can be armed.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Parke Goodall for twenty-five pounds, fifteen shillings, for arms furnished the Hanover minute men; and three pounds eighteen shillings and six pence for the use of Edmund Taylor, for provisions furnished Captain Walker and Captain Jouette, their companies.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Wallace for two hundred and eighteen pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence half-penny, for the pay of his company to the 28th of February.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Lieutenant Mercer for the use of Captain Washington for two hundred and five pounds four shillings and nine pence half-penny, for the pay of his company to the 28th of February and for four hunting shirts.

Mr. Parke Goodall produced a sample of Gun Powder manufactured under his direction at a Mill belonging to Samuel Hardgrove, and it having been tried and found to be good: Resolved, that it be recommended to the Committee for the county of Hanover and all individuals residing upon the branches of York River, who may have collected or manufactured this article for the public use, to deliver the same, with such sulphur as may be in their hands, to the said Mr. Goodall to be manufactured into powder for the use of this Colony at the rate of six

shillings per pound, discounting for the saltpetre and sulphur what the same cost the public. And the said Mr. Goodall entered into bond with security to comply with this Resolution.

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It appearing to the Board that Thomas Gibbons, Second Lieutenant of Marines under Captain Mitchell, cannot recruit his quota of men, and, being willing to resign,

Resolved, That Gabriel Madison be appointed to that office in the room of the said Thomas Gibbons.

Captain William Mitchell having declined manufacturing Gun Powder, according to a former proposition to this Board, returned the order he obtained on Colonel Syme for seventy-five pounds of saltpetre, and it is ordered that the same be cancelled.

Ordered, that the Commissary of Stores do deliver to Captain Mitchell six potts, three quires of Cartridge Paper, twenty-five pounds of Powder, one hundred pounds of lead, fifty-six cartouch boxes, and a few pair of bullet moulds for the use of marines.

Ordered, that the Guard stationed at Brandon, in the county of Prince George, be discharged.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Mathew Anderson for one hundred and eighty-one pounds for provisions and other necessities furnished the troops at Hampton in the months of October and November last, and nine pounds one shilling for cyder furnished them.

The Committee adjourned till to-morrow eight o'clock.

Signed:

EDMUND PENDLETON.

WEDNESDAY, 12th June, 1776.

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Present: Mr. Digges, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Bland, Mr. Lee, Mr. Jones.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to William Watts, Esquire, for the use of Captain Charles Allen for twenty pounds for a further allowance for the training duty of his minute company in the months of April and May.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Allen for the use of George Booker for four pounds ten shillings, for a Rifle Gun.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Corbin Griffin, Esquire, for one hundred and seventeen pounds, for thirty-nine Guns furnished Captain Ball's Company of the fifth Battalion.

Ordered, that the commissary of stores at Fredericksburg, do deliver to Colo. Washington of Westmoreland or to his order, one hundred pounds of powder for the use of the said county.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to John Pendleton for the use of Robert

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Warren, for three pounds, nineteen shillings and six pence, for provisions furnished Captain Stevenson and Captain Hayes, their Companies.

Ordered, that the Commissary of Stores do deliver to the Deputy Quarter-Master General, so much of the Linen purchased of Mr. Mathews, as is of a fit quantity for Tents.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to David Campbell, for seven pounds, ten shillings, for his pay as waggon master to the 28th of February.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Lieutenant John Clayton, of Captain Ballard's Company, for twelve pounds, nine shillings and eight pence farthing, the ballance of his accounts for rations and Forage to the 28th of February.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Ensign Lawson of Captain Ballard's Company, for twelve pounds, sixteen shillings and three pence, the ballance of his account for rations and Forage to the 28th of February.

Beller Claiborne, Second Lieutenant in Capt. Richard Meade's Company, of the Second Battalion, attended, subscribed the articles of war, and received his Continental Commission.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to William Clayton, Esq'r, for the use of George Poindexter for one pound, for two musquets.

Ordered, that the commissary of Stores do deliver to Captain Thomas Walker one Rream of Cartridge Paper for the use of the ninth Battalion.

Present: Mr. President.

Ordered, that John Hopkins and Richard Croshia Graves be permitted to transport Grain and Flour by water from Chickahominy to the Great Bridge.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Leitch for the use of William Dunn for one pound twelve shillings and six pence for a boat purchased for the use of the troops at Hampton.

Ordered that a warrant issue to Mr. John Herbert for fifty pounds on account to defray his expenses in directing and managing the building two Row Gallies.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Christopher Calvert for two hundred pounds on account to expedite the building two Roe Gallies in North Carolina.

It appearing to this Board that large quantities of Iron and considerable number of nails have been collected from the ruins of Norfolk by the people in the neighborhood of that place, many of whom have no claim to them, and as those articles are much wanted for Public use—It is ordered that Captain Christopher Calvert be authorized and requested to collect all such Iron and nails for the use of this Colony, having them appraised by two or three honest men upon oath; and that he do also return with the appraisement, a list of the names of the persons in whose hands those articles shall be found, that justice may hereafter be done to the respective Proprietors.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Nathaniel Littleton Savage, Esquire, for two hundred and seventy-five pounds, to be paid to the committee for the County of Northampton on account for fitting out two Cruisers and for advanced pay to Seamen and marines.

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Thoroughgood Smith, Esquire, appeared before this Board and contracted to furnish the Marine Department on the Eastern Shore with provisions at seven pence half penny per ration.

Resolved, that Thoroughgood Smith, Esquire, be appointed Paymaster to the Seamen and marines on the Eastern Shore, and that he be allowed after the rate of twenty-five pounds per annum for his trouble therein and all reasonable expenses in travelling to and returning from this Board on necessary business of his office.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Francis Peyton, Esquire, for the use of Thomas Lewis for forty-five pounds, ten shillings, the ballance of his account for waggon hire to this Day.

Ordered, that the commanding officer of the troops on the Eastern Shore, be requested to give the Commissioners of the Salt works there, any assistance he can spare from the soldiery by such as shall be willing to engage therein, who shall be allowed one shilling per day additional pay during their continuance in that employment.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Younghusband for one hundred and ninety-two pounds six shillings and ten pence half penny, the ballance of his account for sundry disbursements for the vessells fitting out under his direction.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Younghusband for the use of George Hope for four pounds five shillings for Junk, and ninety-one pounds two shillings and sixpence for sundry necessities furnished the Hero Galley.

Lieutenant Hughes and Ensign Robinson, in Captain Fontaine's Company, of the second Battalion, attended this Board, and being offered their continental commissions refused to accept the same; and it is ordered, that their refusal be certified to Brigadier-General Lewis.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Isaac Smith, Esquire, for fifty pounds for the use of the Commissioners of the Salt works on the Eastern Shore on account to forward the said works.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Claiborne Lawson for the use of Lieutenant Cunningham for eleven pounds nine shillings and eleven pence half penny, the ballance of his account for Rations and Forage to the 28th of February.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to William Wilkins and William Kendall for one pound ten shillings each to support them from hence to Philadelphia; and it is ordered that they be permitted to pass accordingly.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to John Young for the use of Captain

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Travis for one hundred and sixty-nine pounds eighteen shillings and six pence for the pay of his Seamen.

The Committee adjourned till to-morrow at eight o'clock.

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THURSDAY, 13th of June, 1776.

Present: Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Thomas Hines, for five pounds, five shillings for his pay as waggon driver for the second Battalion to the 28th of February.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to John Pollet, for four pounds, six shillings, for his pay as waggoner for the second Battalion to the 9th of February.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Richard Bonner, for two pounds, nineteen shillings, for his pay as a waggoner for the second Battalion to the 28th of February.

Ordered, that John Graves be permitted to pass from hence to Portsmouth.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to James Taylor, Esq'r, for two pounds, thirteen shillings and eight pence, for the pay of a Quarter-Master Sergeant, disallowed in the settlement of his accounts as Paymaster to the Caroline Battalion, and fourteen shillings for the use of Mr. Hubbard, for necessaries furnished Captain Beale and Captain Stevenson, their Companies.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to John S. Wills, Esq'r, for the use of William Chapham, for three pounds, ten shillings for a Gun; seventeen pounds for the use of William Jordan, for four Guns furnished Captain Arthur Smith of the fourth Battalion, and four pounds, two shillings and six pence for the use of John Derring, for blankets furnished Captain Davis's Company of the first Battalion.

Ordered, that James Calloway, Esquire, do deliver to John Davis, (waggoner) a wagon load of Lead to be brought to this city for the public use.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Richard Bland, Esquire, for six pounds for a Telescope sold to Captain James Cocke.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to William Lindsey for one pound, eighteen shillings and six pence, for his expenses and trouble in collecting cannon, according to a former order of this Board.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Field and Call, for two pounds, two shillings and four pence, for ten potts furnished Captain Shenem's min-

ute Company in Amelia county; one pound, seven shillings and three pence, for seven potts furnished Captain Collier's minute company in Charlotte county; six pounds for a Rifle and two pounds five shillings for a musquet furnished Captain Ballard's minute company in Mecklenburg County; respectfully ordered to North Carolina.

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Ordered, that a warrant issue to James Holt, Esquire, for four pounds, ten shillings; and four pounds, ten shillings for the use of John Wilson, each for a Gun furnished Captain Mathews' Company of the fourth Battalion, and four pounds, ten shillings, for the use of Maxamilian Marley, for a Gun sold to Lieutenant Colonel Scott.

Present: Mr. President.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Robert Williams, Esq'r, for the use of James Roberts, for four pounds and six pence, for provisions furnished Captain Hutchins' Company.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Richard Squire Taylor, for eight pounds, ten shillings, for three Guns furnished Captain Ritcheson's Company.

Charles Neilson having entered into Bond, with James Mills, Nathaniel Carpenter, his securities, agreeable to the sentence of this Board, it is ordered that he be discharged out of custody.

Lieutenant-Colonel Crawford of the fifth Battalion, attended and took the oath prescribed by an ordinance of convention, subscribed the articles of war and received his commission.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to John Holloway for the use of John Briggs, for thirty-nine pounds seven shillings and seven pence farthing, for a main sail and jibb sold to Captain Younghusband.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to David Jamieson for fifteen pounds twelve shillings for the Freight of Flour and Corn, and fifteen pounds for the Freight of cannon.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to George Mason, Esquire, assignee of John Gibson, for two pounds ten shillings, for twenty yards of half-thick furnished Captain Johnston of the Second Regiment.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Colonel William Lyne for the use of King and Queen county for eight pounds and three pence and three farthings, for repairs to arms.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Mann Page, Esquire, for the use of Reuben Zimmerman for twenty shillings, for wood furnished the minute men on duty in Spotsylvania county.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Archibald Cary, Esq'r, for forty pounds on account, to forward the removal of the inhabitants of Norfolk and Princess Anne counties.

The Committee adjourned till to-morrow eight o'clock.

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FRIDAY, 14th June, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to James Hill for the use of William Glover for four pounds five shillings for a Gun sold to Lieutenant Quarles of Captain John Catesby Cocke's Company of Marines.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Doctor Draper for twenty-four pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence for his pay as Surgeon to the troops at Hampton.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Ensign Worsham for the use of Capt. Everard Meade, of the Second Battalion, for one hundred and fifty-seven pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence for the pay of his Company to the 28th.

Resolved, that Maurice Smith, Lewis Dudley, Beverly Daniel, Lodowick Jones, and John George, gentlemen of the county of Middlesex, or any three of them, be appointed and are hereby authorized to take possession of the estate, both real and personal, of Charles Neilson, and cultivate the same to the best advantage. That out of the profits thence arising, they supply his family from time to time with such necessities for their maintenance as they shall judge proper, and pay the residue into the hands of the public Treasurer, to be subject to the payment of the just debts of the said Charles Neilson, to be ascertained by this Board, and the overplus to be laid out in such manner as the said Board shall think most for the advantage of this Colony.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to David Mason, Esquire, for the use of sundry persons, for twenty-one pounds, fifteen shillings and four pence, for Blankets, Rugs, and Potts furnished the companies ordered from Sussex county to North Carolina; and one other warrant for twenty pounds on account, to purchase provisions for the said companies.

Resolved, that John Goodrich, junior, be examined before this Board on Fryday, the 21st of this month, and it is ordered that he do attend accordingly.

Ordered, that Humphrey Massenburg and John Stephens be summoned to attend this Board on Fryday, the 21st of this month, to give evidence on the examination of John Goodrich, junior.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Frederick Martin, Esq'r, for the use of Captain James Mason and his subalterns for nine pounds two shillings and four pence half penny, the ballance of their account for rations while they were on duty at Norfolk.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Frederick Marlin, Esquire, for thirty pounds, on account, to purchase provisions for the men ordered from Brunswick County to North Carolina.

Ordered, that James Robinson be permitted to pass through this

Colony with his negro man Abraham on his way to Philadelphia, and that Simon French be permitted to pass in like manner to Maryland.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to James Robinson, a Deserter from Lord Dunmore, for three pounds to support him to Philadelphia.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Simon French, a Deserter from Lord Dunmore, for two pounds to support him to Maryland.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to John Pendleton for the use of Jacob Carter for four pounds for a Gun furnished Captain Pleasants, of the fifth Battalion.

Present: Mr. Lee.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to William Cooper, Esq'r, for fifteen pounds for thirty days as Major of the militia of — County in actual service; twenty-one pounds twelve shillings for the use of Samuel Cohoon for medicines and attendance to the second Battalion; one pound two shillings and six pence for the use of Sparling Laurence & Company for Garden Spades and lines; one pound seven shillings and six pence for the use of Elisha Coupland for Ruggs furnished the fourth Battalion, and ten pounds for the use of John Vallancier for forty hoes purchased for the public use.

Captain Fountain, of the second Battalion, attended and took the oath prescribed by an ordinance of convention, subscribed the articles of war, and received his Continental commission.

Ordered, that the commissary of stores do deliver to the order of George Mason, Esquire, so many blankets or Ruggs as he may apply for, for the use of such seamen and marines as shall rendezvous at this place belonging to Potowmack River.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to John Philipson for seven pounds for two Draughts of a Roe Galley and for his expenses in attending this Board upon public business.

The Committee adjourned till to-morrow eight o'clock.

Signed:

DUDLEY DIGGES.

SATURDAY, *June 15th, 1776.*

Present: Mr. Digges, Prest. pro-tempore, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Bland.

A warrant to Samuel Garland for £23.10.10½ for hunting shirts furnished his minute company; also £17.8.6 for four days' duty in April (his comp'y of Lunenburg); also for use Capt. Robt. Dixon £18.9.2 for Do. his comp'y of same county in April; for use of Jos. Billups £6.5.0, for waggonage to Capt. Garland's minute company; and for use to Wm. Foster for £4, for waggonage to Capt. Stevens' min. comp., Amelia.

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Same to Wm. Booker, Esq., for use Capt. Chas. Allen for £18.3.9 for Blankets and Kettles furnished s'd Allen's min. comp., Prince Edw'd.

Same to same for use Micajah Anderson for £4.2.6, for a Gun to Allen's min. comp.; also for use Sam'l McGarret for £4, for Ditto.

Same to Robt. Williams, Esq., for £97.10.0 upon acc't, for purchase of arms.

Present: Mr. President and Mr. Jones.

A warrant to Capt. Sam'l Garland for use John Epps for £2 short allowed for two Guns furnished Capt. Garland's min. men.

Ord., that Mr. Hawkins furnish the min. men at Cobham with prov's 'til further orders.

An order upon the Delegates in Congress in favour of Michael Gratz for £708 and 78 Dollars, for sundry Broad Cloaths furnished the public.

A warrant to Jas. Mercer, Esq'r. for use Wm. Mead and John Chapman for £3, for taking up two deserters of 8th Batt.

Same to Robt. Nicolson for use Comm'rs Fred'g. Manufactory for £7.12.2, for Brass, &c., purchased for the use of the Board.

Same to Brig'r Hugh Mercer for use Lt. White, of Capt. Thos. Johnson's Comp., for £6.8.0, for 8 Blankets to 3rd Reg't.

Same to Abraham Bird, Esq'r, for use Fred'k Stoner, for 11s. 3d. for prov's furnished a soldier of the 8th Reg't.

Same to Mr. Sampson for £1368.18.0, ball'a'ce of his acc't. now settled. for arms, Linen, and other things purchased for the public.

Same to Lt. John Pettus for £12.2.2½, ball'a'ce of his acc't for rations and Forage to 28th Feb'y—1st Reg't.

Same to Sampson Mathews for use Capt. Pat. Buchanan for £6.11.9, for Trophies to Augusta Militia.

Same to same for use Wm. Madison £5.10.0, for a Gun to Capt. Dabney's min. comp., Hanover.

Same to Samp. Mathews for use of Augusta county, £60.16.6 for powder and lead, &c., purchased of them.

Same to S. Mathews upon acc't 100, to furnish prov's for the prisoners and pay of the guard at Staunton.

Same to John Severins, Indian Interpreter, for £5, for the present expense of himself and the three Indian captives with him.

25 Commissions for officers Mil. Pitsylvania issued and delivered Robt. Williams, Esq'r.

Absent: Mr. Lee.

Permits granted Charles Bailey and Samuel Watts to Trade on board their pilot boat, the Molly, loaded with Tobacco and Flour, in any of the Foreign Islands.

Same to Capt. Richard Taylor for £50 upon acc't, for pay of seamen on board his cruizer in the Rappahannock.

Same to Capt. Alex'r Dick, for £198.1.1½ for one month's pay of his comp'y of marines to 16th Inst., Inclusive.

Col. James Barbour agreed to supply the marines employed on Rappahannock, while on shore, with prov's, at 7½d. p'r ration.

Mr. James Hunter is desired to furnish spades and shovels, for the use of the comm's of the salt works, to be paid for on delivery.

Pursuant to order of Convention, a duplicate of the former letter written to Mr. Harrison, of Martinico, enclosing other copies of the Resolutions of Congress, &c., addressed to Mr. James Dalton, merchant in St. Pierre, Martinico, was sent by the Molly, pilot boat: Messrs. Bailey and Watts.

Adjourned 'til Monday 8 o'clock.

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MONDAY, *June 17th, 1776.*

Present: Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee. Mr. Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, and Mr. Jones.

Ordered, that the Committee of Gloucester deliver to the Comm's app'd to manage the Estate of Charles Neilson such effects belonging to the s'd Neilson as are in their possession.

A warrant to John Harvey, Esq'r, use of Major J^{no}. Nevill, for £500 upon acc't for remitting to the Frontier service.

Ord., a warrant to John Harvey, Esq'r, for use of Silver Heels, an Indian chief. £12 for to repay him for the loss of sundry Goods, of which he was plundered by some person on the Frontiers.

Same to Henry Isbell for £3.1.0 for waggonage to 1st reg't.

Ordered, that Capt. Dick's and L't Thornton's proportion of the 1st comp'y of marines in Rappahannock be allotted to serve on board Capt. Callender's Cruiser.

Capt. Johnson, of 2d reg't, attended and declared he was willing to accept his com'o, which was accord. delivered him.

Present: Mr. President.

A warrant to James Hunter for £84 for 14 musquets and Bayonets; also £10.3.9 for Ferriages to the public.

Same to Ben. Harrison, Esq'r, of Brandon, for £68.17.10 for prov's and Fuel to the guard at Brandon; also £14.1.6 for a driver and Team to a waggon 33 days for use army, and for use Ben. Boisseau £2.9.6 for a waggon the like time.

Ordered; that the Keeper of the Magazine or Public Store, deliver Capt. Dick 50 cutlasses for his company of marines.

Ord., that Lt. Wilson be added to the Gent. app'd to view the cannon at Cobham, and that they, or any two of them, view the same and make report.

A Letter written to the Delegates in Congress. (A copy filed.)

A warrant to Phipp & Bodoïn for £24.11.3 for Gun powder, Oil, and Flour to the army.

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Same to Brig'r-General Mercer for use Charles Tyler for £13.4.9 for Smith's work for a Skowhy at Ocaqhon.

Same to B'r-Gen'l Mercer for £8.4.0, a Tent for the cadets of the third Reg't.

Same to Micajah Watkins for use Geo. Boyd for £13.1.10½ for prov's to the Halifax min. men on duty.

Same to John Overton for use Thos. Gibbs for £1.12.6 for repairing arms to Capt. Alexander's Comp'y, 2nd Regiment.

Same to Lieut. Wm. Sundford for £13, for two Guns and a matrass to the army; also John Hough £6, for a rifle.

Same to Lewis Cardwell for £5.15.6, for Express to Potomack to Capt. Boucher.

Stafford Lighthourne is app'd first mate to the Galley commanded by Capt. Celey Saunders, and Samuel Hadley 2nd mate (Rappa.)

Henry Lighthourne is app'd 2nd mate to Capt. Markham's Galley.

Richard Lighthourne is app'd mate to pilot boat cruizer, Capt. Wm. Saunders, Rappa.

A warrant to Capt. Chas. McCarty for £3.6.0 for pay of part of his comp. militia, on duty in Richmond county.

Ordered, that the Keeper of the Magazine deliver Capt. Taylor, of 1st Reg't, 10 Rifles, for his company; also to Capt. Meade, of 2nd Reg't, 40 Guns.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow, 8 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, *June 18th, 1776.*

Present: Mr. Digges, President pro tempore; Mr. Carrington, Mr. Bland, Mr. Lee, Mr. Jones, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Tabb.

A warrant to Wm. Goodechild for £13.10.0, for a Gun to Davis' Comp., 1st Reg't.

Same to John Pleck for £5, for a rifle to Col. Christian.

Same to Lewis Herndon for use Deverex Janet for £9, for two Guns to Major James and the Amelia Minute Battalion.

Same to James Gordon, Esq'r, for use Thos. Pickard 18s., for 3 lbs. powder to Lancaster Militia.

Same to Jos. Miller for use Robt. Donald & Co. 17s. 6d. for horse hire to an Express.

Same to Dr. Carter & Co. for £7.11.10, for medicines furnished Dr. Sharplet for cruizer Liberty, Capt. Taylor, Rappa.

Same to Henry Delony for £2, for express hire from Mecklenburg.

Same to Capt. Edw'd Meade for £6, paid for a musquet to his company.

Ord., that Colo. Aylett be requested to receive of General Mercer such goods as he may have purchased for the third regiment, to be safely kept for the use of the public.

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A warrant to Bennet Goode, Esq'r, for use of John Burton for £2.10.6, for Ferriage and prov's to the minute men from Lunenburg.

Same to Henry Delony for use of sundry persons for £67.11, for sundry arms furnished the Mecklenburg minute men now on duty.

Same to Jacob Wray & Co. for £11.11 for 154 y'ds ozna. to Capt. Lyne's min. comp.

Same to Alice Pegram for £1.5.0, for curing an ulcer on a private of Capt. Spencer's min. comp'y.

Ord., that all the arms in ye possession of the respective min. companies intended for North Carolina, now in actual service, which have been paid for by the public, be retained and safely kept by the captains of the said companies, when disbanded, for the use of the public; and it is the opinion of this Comm'ee that the several captains be accountable for such arms.

A warrant to John Winn for use Griffin Lumpkin for £3, for a Gun; and for use Jonah Womac £3, for a Gun—both to Capt. Jones' minute company of Amelia.

Lt. Conaway, of Capt. Hutchings' comp., 6th Reg't, subscribed the articles of war, was sworn, and rec'd his Cont'l com'n. Ensign Perkins, of said comp., rec'd his com'n, sworn by the county comm'ee.

A warrant to Benn. Goode for use Capt. Jno. Burton for £3.7.6, for a Drum to his comp'y, Mecklenburg militia.

Present: Mr. President.

A warrant to L't-Colo. Alex'r Mc'lanahan for £3175.7.4 for pay of the 7th Reg't to 1st June, per Rolls filed.

Same to Paschall Grenhill for £5 for a Gun (rifle).

A warrant to Wm. Bernard, Esq., for use Peter Jett, 10s. for a Drum and colours to Westmoreland militia; also 36s. for building a house for lookouts.

Same to same for use Capt. Wm. Washington for £64 upon acc't, for prov's for his comp'y min., s'd county.

Same to S'r John Peyton Bart, £30.19.6 for prov's and 4 Guns (£9) to Gloster mi., 8 on actual service.

Same to James Scott, Esq'r, for Wm. Norris for 16s. for medicines to Culpeper min. men.

A permit to Jos. Donaldson, a deserter from the Roebuck to go thro' the colony on his way to Philadelphia, and a warrant to him for 20s. for his support.

A pass to Geo. Hamilton to leave the Colony.

A warrant to Capt. John Ballard, Mecklenburg, for £50.6.4 for hunting shirts, prov's, and necessaries to his comp. min. men.

Same to Henry Delony for £15.16.6 for prov's to Capt. James Anderson's min. comp., Mecklenburg; also for use Capt. James Anderson for £21.10.6 for hunting shirts for his comp'y.

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Same to Capt. Sam'l Stevin for £44.0.7 for hunting shirts, prov's, &c., to his Comp'y, Amelia.

Same to Brig.-General Mercer for £19.6.3 for his pay, rations, and Forage as Colo. to 3rd Reg't till 28th Feb'y; also £3 paid Drum Major and his wages.

Same to same for use Jno. Gibson for £7.7.6, 59 yards Sail Duck to 3rd Reg't.

Same to Lt.-Col. Geo. Weeden, of the 3rd Reg't, for £15.1.10½, his pay, &c., to 28th Feb'y.

Same to same for £28.18.10 for rations of sundry cadets of 3rd reg't, per acc't.

Same to Jno. Royall, a soldier, for 48s., additional pay as a waggoner to 28th Feb'y.

Mr. Windsor Brown is app'd 1st Lieut. Capt. Lee's Comp'y of marines on the Potomac departm't.

Mr. Laban Goffagan is app'd 1st mate of Capt. Westcott's cruizer Potomack.

Mr. Peter Steinburgen having failed to recruit his quota of men as Capt. of a comp'y of marines in Potomack, and not having assigned any reason or excuse for his failure in so doing, he is displaced, and Mr. Valentine Peers is app'd Capt. of the said Company in his room.

Mr. Robt. Connaway is appo'd master of the 1st Galley in Potomack in room of Capt. Geo. Goosley, who has resigned.

A warrant to Geo. Mason, Esq'r, for use Geo. Mason, ju'r, for £3.5.0 for 2 Guns to a detachment of his min. comp'y marched to Hampton.

Joshua Oldner and Thos. Oldner, with a Barrel of Flour, are permitted to pass in a Boat down James River and up the Eastern Branch of Eliz'a River.

Ordered, 2 warrants to Jno. Hankins for £500 each upon acc't as commis'y of prov's.

Adjourned til' to-morrow.

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WEDNESDAY, the 19th of June, 1776.

Present: Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones, Mr. Tabb.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to John Bowyer, Esq'r, for the use of John Moore, for eight pounds, seventeen shillings, for provisions furnished Captain Posey's Company.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Southy Simpson, Esquire, for one hundred and forty-eight pounds on account, for the bounty money to two companies of regulars to be recruited on the Eastern Shore.

Resolved, that Henry Brown be permitted to export in the schooner

boat General Washington, whereof he is master, provisions and tobacco to any of the foreign islands.

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Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Thornton of the third Battalion, for two hundred and fifty-six pounds two shillings and five pence half penny, for the pay of his company, and for his rations and forage to the 28th of February.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to — Dunbar, for the use of John Likely, for nine pounds eight shillings, for ten blankets and provisions furnished Captain Lee's Marine Company.

Ordered, that three blank Militia Commissions be enclosed to the committee for the county of Westmoreland.

On the recommendation of the Committee for the County of Northampton—Resolved, that Mr. Samuel Carr be appointed a captain of marines on board one of the cruizers to be fitted out on the Eastern shore.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Carr, for sixty-two pounds ten shillings, on account, to recruit a company of marines on the Eastern Shore, and for one month's half pay in advance to himself.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to John Henry for six pounds, for a Rifle Gun.

Captain Hutchings of the Sixth Battalion, attended and took the oath prescribed by an Ordinance of Convention, subscribed the articles of war and received his Continental Commission.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Nathaniel Terry, Esquire, for one pound, for so much bounty money paid to a soldier in Captain Cocke's company of the seventh Battalion.

Present: Mr. President. Absent: Mr. Bland.

A certificate of the review of Captain Shervin's Minute Company in Amelia District, on the 7th of this month, was returned and ordered to be filed.

Mr. John Hawkins this day settled his account as commissary of provisions: the ballance whereof is one hundred and eighty-one pounds and eleven pence, three farthings due to the said Mr. John Hawkins to be reimbursed hereafter.

Resolved, that Brigadier-General Lewis be desired to distribute the good arms in the public Magazine, among such of the regulars as he shall think are most in want of them; and that he be also desired to cause such of the arms that have been heretofore delivered out of the Magazine, as are unfit for use, to be returned and repaired, directing the keeper of the magazine, to take an account from whom he shall receive the arms so delivered.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Thomas Wall, for seventeen pounds, four shillings and ten pence, half penny for provisions furnished a Guard to Public. Powder up James River and for provisions and Fuel furnished Captain Watkin's Company of the fourth Battalion.

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Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Murdaugh for three pounds, for a Gun furnished his minute company.

Resolved, that Benjamin Pollard be authorized to purchase for his quota of marines, good arms, blankets, and any other public necessities, which will be paid for by this Board upon his certificates; and he is also authorized to employ a cart with two horses to convey the baggage of the said men from Orange county to the place appointed for the rendezvous of the company to which they belong.

Ordered, that the Commissary of Stores at Fredericksburg do deliver to Captain Westcott, for the use of his cruiser, twenty-four bolts of duck out of the parcel sent there from Hobb's Hole.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain John Webb, of the Seventh Battalion, for twelve pounds, twelve shillings and six pence, for waggon hire to the first Battalion.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to William Norton for nine shillings, for additional pay as waggoner.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Willis Riddick, Esq'r, for the use of Gibson, Donaldson & Hamilton, for three pounds nine shillings and three pence, for wine furnished a sick soldier in the Culpeper Minute Battalion and for shot furnished Captain Washington, of the fourth Battalion.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Willis Riddick, Esq'r, for the use of Meade's Driver, for one pound, eighteen shillings and one penny half penny, for Tools furnished the Second Battalion.

Ordered, that William Reid be permitted to leave this Colony, advertizing the same according to act of Assembly previous to his departure.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Doctor Anthony Dixon for twelve pounds, two shillings, for additional pay allowed by the General Convention as Surgeon to the Troops at the Great Bridge.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Wallace, of the third Battalion, for forty pounds, thirteen shillings and six pence, the ballance of his account for Hunting Shirts and Leggins furnished his company.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Humphrey Richards for four pounds, eleven shillings, and three pounds, eighteen shillings and nine pence for the use of Andrew Johnston, the former for sundry necessities and the latter for potts furnished a part of the minute men ordered to North Carolina.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Donald Triplett for the use of Thomas Brown for three pounds three shillings and three pence for Ferriages to sundry troops at Falmouth.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Robert Williams, Esquire, for thirteen pounds for so much advanced by him to the minute men ordered from Pittsylvania county to North Carolina.

The Committee adjourned till to-morrow 8 o'clock.

Signed:

EDMUND PENDLETON.

THURSDAY, *June 20th, 1776.*

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Tabb.

Ordered, that so much salt as may be necessary for the use of the Marines on Rappahannock may be taken from the public Salt at Hobb's hole.

Present: Mr. Digges.

A warrant to Rev'd Mr. Dunlop for use Phil. Rootes for £6 for a rifle of which he was disarmed.

Same to Wm. Mountjoy for £8.14.0, his pay, Forage, and Rations as quartermaster of 3rd Regiment 'til 28th Feb'y.

Same to Alex'r Doyle for use Wm. Randall 40s. for a Gun to 3rd Reg't.

Same to Jno. Randolph for use Wm. Randolph, £8.15.0 for waggon hire and returning home.

Permits to Colo. James Barbour and James Smith to go to Norfolk.

A warrant to James Scott, Esq'r, for use of Jno. Edmonds, 10s. for six mo. use of a rifle to the Culp'r Batt.

Same to Thos. Whiting, Esq'r, for use comm'rs Gloster Salt works for £50 upon acc't.

Ord., that the six companies of militia directed by the Resolution of convention to be employed as Rangers for the protection of the Inhabitants of Fincastle county be drawn from the following counties—that is to say, from the said county of Fincastle four companies, from Augusta one company, from Botetourt one company, and that orders be dispatched to the several county Lieutenants or commanding officers to raise and direct the march of such companies accordingly.

Ord., that the commanding officers of the s'd six companies of Militia, in case of an actual Invasion or the approach of an Enemy, which in his judgment makes it necessary to have further assistance, shall call upon the commanding officers of the militia in the neighboring Counties, to send so many men as the Exigency of affairs may require to oppose, repel, or pursue the Enemy. But if hostilities are not commenced and Colo. Russell hath opportunity of sending a talk to the chiefs of the Cherokee nations, which may prevent an Invasion from them, the Comm'ee think such a measure might be very proper.

Ordered, that the Comm'ee of Fincastle County do deliver to Colo. Russell or order, so much of the Powder lately sent to that County as may be necessary for the use of s'd Companies, and that Colo. Calloway deliver from the Lead mines as much Lead as may be necessary.

Comm's issued to the Field Officers of the Northumberland County militia.

Comm'ee Capt. Wm. Lee, Lieut. Richard Pope, and Ensign Augustine

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Copege of a company of min. men in North'n County, of Lancaster district.

A warrant to Ensign James Berwick for £15.19.6 for his rations and Forage as Ensign and cadet in Capt. Nevil's comp'y to 17th Feb'y. His com'n as Ensign of s'd comp., dated 22d Nov., del'd him.

Ordered, a warrant to Capt. Wm. Croghan, of 8th Reg't, for £282.5.2, the ball'ce of his acc't for the bounty and recruiting expense of his Comp.; also for their pay to 16th June and some prov's found them.

A review of Capt. Croghan's comp. on 19th April ret'd and or'd R'd; his com'n deliv'd him same date.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 8 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, *June 21st, 1776.*

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Tabb.

Ordered, that a commission do issue to Henry King, Esq'r, to be County Lieutenant, and one other to Francis Mallory, Esq., to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the Militia of Elizabeth City county.

Ordered, that Brigadier-General Lewis be requested to direct the Continental Commissary of Provisions to supply the minute men and militia lately ordered into service, and to keep a separate particular account thereof, which will be paid by this Colony; and it is ordered that Colonel Richard Morris be discharged from the office of Commissary of Provisions for the said Troops.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Augustine Moore for the use of Thomas Nelson, Esquire, and Company for forty-eight pounds, fifteen shillings and three pence half-penny, for anchors furnished the Row Gallies fitting by Captain Tompkins and Captain Travis.

Ordered, that Mr. James Hubbard be appointed to assist Captain James Barron in taking an Inventory of the effects on board the ship Oxford, lately made prize by the said Captain Barron, and that all the Papers on board the ship be secured and sent with the Inventory to this Board.

Absent: Mr. Lee.

The Committee took into consideration the case of John Goodrich, junior, referred to them by Convention, and agreed to the following report:

The Committee of Safety, to whom the case of Mr. John Goodrich, junior, taken up and charged with conduct inimical to the rights of America, was referred, have appointed several different days for his examination, and have inquired for witnesses of the officers in the neighborhood of Norfolk, desiring them to have summoned such as they should be informed were acquainted with the conduct of the said Good-

rich, but none have appeared. Whereupon the Committee think it unnecessary and unreasonable to keep him longer in suspense, and that he ought to be discharged from that accusation; but, as he is under a general suspicion of being unfriendly to the interests of the Colony, the Committee are of the opinion that he ought previous to his discharge to enter into bond with sufficient security in the penalty of one thousand pounds, with condition not to give intelligence to or in any manner aid or assist the enemies of America.

Resolved, that the foregoing report be fairly transcribed, signed by the President, and laid before the Convention by a member of this Board.

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SATURDAY, *June 22nd, 1776.*

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Present: Mr. Digges, President pro temp.; Mr. Carrington, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Jones, Mr. Tabb.

A warrant to Capt. Gregory Smith for £7 for 2 Guns, and £1.15.0 for 2 Blankets to his comp'y.

Same to same for use Dr. Gardner £1.5.9, for medicine and attendance to sick soldier.

Same to Jas. Montague for use Law. Meachom £17.2.9, pay of guard of militia at Urbanna and for guarding prisoners to this city.

Same to same for use Maurice Smith, Sheriff Middlesex, for £1.5, 2 days attendance on the Court of Comm'rs.

Present: Mr. President.

Same to John H. Cocke for use of Mrs. Anne Cocke for £16.10.0, for sundry Ferriages; also £4.4.0 for 14 lbs. powder furnished Capt. Judkins' Surry militia by himself.

Same to Philip Lightfoot, a carpenter, 20s. for work at the Great Bridge; also to Edw'd Parker 17s. 6d. for Do.

Same to James Cash for £6.10.6 for waggonage to Mecklenburg min. men.

Same to Southy Simpson, Esq'r, for use Accomack Comm'rs Salt Works £50, upon acc't.

Ord., that the 24 pounders and one 18 pounder at James Town, be immediately conveyed up James River to Richmond, and from thence to Potowmack River for ye use of the Gallies there.

A warrant to Brewer Godwid and others, Comm's of the Isle Wight Salt works for £50 upon acc't, for carrying the same.

A warrant to Messrs. Jno. and Jos. Hutchings for £285 for 14 cannon purchased for public use.

Ordered, that the Commanding officer at Norfolk be requested to appoint proper persons for valuing some pieces of cannon, belonging to Messrs. Jno. and Jos. Hutchings at or near that place.

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A warrant to J. Pendleton for use Abraham Cowley, £128.3.0 for board of sundry prisoners at Richmond, provisions, pay and necessaries to the guard.

Same for use Chas. Price for £5.18.0 for negro hire to 2nd reg't.

Same for use Turner Southall £16.18.0 for sundries furnished prisoners at Richmond, and guard to D'o, also for trophies for Henrico militia.

Same to Capt. Wm. Taliaferro, 2nd reg't, for £63.17.10½, for 73 pair Leggings, and like number of hunting shirts to his comp'y, also for cuffs and capes and hat binding.

The Amelia and Prince William Companies being rece'd the same day to-wit: 8th March, precedence determined by Lot in favour of Capt. Lee (Prince William.)

Capt. Lee, (3rd Reg't,) subscribed articles, was sworn, and rec'd his Comm'n.

A warrant to Ed. Pendleton, Esq'r, for use Jno. Watkins for £14.14.9 for corn furnished the public; also for James Fortune for £3 for a Gun to Capt. Dabney's min. company.

Same to Jno. Baird, j'r, for £1.13.9 for express hire to the Troops ordered for Carolina.

Same to Jno. Bowyer, Esq'r, for use Peter Wallace for £4.6.6 for prov's to Posey's Comp'y, 7th Reg't.

Same to David Garland, Esq'r, for £10.17.6. for 3 Guns and £7.2.0 for prov's to Capt. Sam. Garland's min. comp.; also £5 for 1 D'o to Capt. Dixon's min. comp.

Col. Aylett returned acc't of sales of sundry effects, the property of Geo. Logan, sold by him accor'g to order of this board (his commis'ns of 5 per cent. allow'd by the comm'ee including the expense of sale) with Treasurers rec't for ye am't thereof paid into the Treasury.

Ordered, that Colo. Chas Lewis be desired immediately to march 4 companies of the min. men of his Battalion now in ye neighborhood of W'msburg, to join the camp near Gwinn's Island in Gloster, and ye other companies to Burwell's Ferry, and that he give orders for the march of the remaining companies as they shall arrive to ye following places. to-wit: 2 comp's to Burwell's Ferry, 3 to Jamestown, and 2 to ye north side of Pianketank in Middlesex county, to relieve 2 companies now stat'd there, that the 3 comp's of the 1st Batt., now near this place, do immediately march to Hampton, and that Col. Meredith be desired to march 4 other comp's of that Batt. to Hampton, and the remaining 4 comp's to York Town as soon as they arrive.

A warrant to Capt. Thos. Collier, for £33.15.6 for hunting shirts, prov's and potts to his min. comp. (C. E.,) 2d Batt. min. men.

Ordered. Colo. Aylett deliver Capt. Collier 25 yards Oznaburgs for his comp.

A warrant to Jno. S. Wells for use Lt. Boykin £11.14.4½ ballance of his acc't and rations to 28th Feby.

Same to Capt. Thos. Ridley, of 4th Reg't, for £40.1.4, for pay his comp. to 28th Feb'y. Williamsburg, June 24, 1776

Same to Dr. Geo. Gilmour for £27.11.6, for medicines to 9th Batt.

Same to Fred. Bryan for £3.18.3, for sundry Ferr's.

Same to Capt. James Turner, Halifax min. men., 2d Batt., for £30.2.6, for hunting shirts and other necessaries for his comp.

Same to Capt. Peter Rodgers for £50.0.5, for Blankets, hunting shirts, and necessaries to his comp., 2nd Minute Batt.

Same to Capt. Robt. Dixon for £14.11.9, hunting shirts and some necessaries to his comp., 2nd Minute Battallion.

Adjourned 'til Monday 8 o'clock.

MONDAY, 24th June, 1776.

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Tabb.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to James Holt, Esq'r, for two pounds and sixpence, for provisions furnished a company of the militia of Norfolk county.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Crocket for thirty-five pounds, six shillings and six pence, for provisions furnished his company previous to their rendezvous.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Crockett for the use of Thomas Goodson for five pounds, and five pounds for the use of Jacob Pate, each for a Rifle furnished the Seventh Battalion.

A certificate of the appointment of regular officers in the county of Fincastle and of the review of Captain Crockett's company on the 7th of May was returned and ordered to be filed, and Captain Crockett attended and took the oath prescribed by an ordinance of Convention, subscribed the articles of war, and received his commission.

Lieutenants Helm and Whiting, in Captain Lee's company of the third Battalion, attended and took the oath prescribed by an ordinance of Convention, subscribed the articles of war, and received their commissions.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to John Mayo, Esq'r, for twenty-two pounds, for four Rifle Guns.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Thomas Read, Esquire, for the use of Mary Read for two pounds, fifteen shillings and six pence, for six hundred and thirty-four pounds and half a pound of Flour furnished Capt. Collier's Minute Company, from Charlotte county.

A certificate of the review of Captain Shervin's minute Company, in the county of Amelia, on the 7th of this month, was returned and ordered to be filed.

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Ordered, that Colonel Stephen be desired to send immediately from Norfolk to James Town four of the eighteen-pounders sent by mistake from Hampton to the former place.

Present: Mr. Digges.

Ordered, that James Bannister, Esquire, do deliver out of the Rifles which he contracted to furnish for the public use to Captain Walker, of Dinwiddie, twenty-three for the use of his Company.

Ordered, that two of the eighteen-pounders at James Town to Captain Calvert for use of his Row Galley, and that the former order for sending them to Alexandria be rescinded.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to William Ballard for one pound, one shilling and six pence for Express hire.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to the Rev. Mr. John Dixon for the use of William Poindexter for one pound five shillings for provisions furnished Captain Dabney's minute Company from Louisa County.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Frederick Marlin, Esq'r, for six pounds for a rifle Gun furnished Captain Ballard's minute Company from Mecklenburg county.

Colonel Christian laid before this Board a General List of the Highland Prisoners taken by Captain James and Richard Barron in the Ship Oxford, and also an allotment of them into fourteen divisions, to be distributed according to the direction of the General Convention. And it is thereupon ordered that they be immediately sent to the respective counties hereinafter mentioned in the following proportions, to-wit:

NO. 1—TO ALBEMARLE COUNTY.

Angush McDonald, John Morrison, Finlay McCuag, Duncan Ballou, Roderick Merchard, Ronald McDonald, John Fraser, Roderick McClannan, Archibald McGillviray, Murdock McGillviray, Roderick McCoud, Alexander McPherson, Alexander McCaskill, Duncan McDonald, and Archibald McDonald—15.

NO. 2—TO AMELIA.

John Campbell, Roderick McCrumen, Kenneth McDonald, Finley Chism, John McKenon, Donald Morrison, Angus McCaskel, Donald Lamont, Donald Cameron, John Lamont, Normand McKenon, and Kenneth McClenon, 2 women—13.

NO. 3—TO AMHERST.

Allan McCaskel, Murdon Campbell, John Morrison, Ronald McCuagg, Patrick McCleod, Neil McIntosh, Tinlay McLenin, Alexander McDowell, Kenneth McCleod, and Neil Beaton, 1 woman—13.

No. 4—To BERKELEY.

Donald McDonald, Alexander Buchanan, John McDonald, Malcolm McQuan, Roderick McNeil, Duncan McDonald, Murdock McLeod, Neil McPhee, John McSwain, John McLeod, John McPherson, Archibald McSwain, and Andrew Lamond—13.

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No. 5—To BUCKINGHAM.

Donald McLeod, Sen'r, Donald McLeod, Jun'r, Malcolm Morrison, Angus Campbell, Malcolm McLean, John Ferguson, Hector McLean, John Smith, Murdock Campbell, Duncan Morrison, Alexander McKenzie, Kenneth Ferguson, Michael McMuller, Laughan McAntire, and Alexander McPhee—15.

No. 6—To CULPEPER.

Donald McKennen, Alexander McMan, Angus McDonald, Donald McDonald, Angus McKennon, John Cadden, Alexander McLeod, Angus Pedden, Charles McLean, James McGilleray, John McLeod, William Matheson, Donald McDonald, and Donald McCraw—14.

No. 7—To CUMBERLAND.

Donald Cameron, Roderick McLeod, Murdock McVie, John Gilles, Angus McVie, John Shaw, Angus Campbell, Donald McLean, John Ferguson, Angus McNeil, Donald Ross, Angus Shaw, John McCaskell, Markham Gilles, John McDonald, Archibald McMullen—16.

No. 8—To FAUQUIER.

Donald Fraser, William Fraser, George Monroe, Donald McIntire, James McIntire, James McIntire, James Rolf, David Monroe, Alexander Low, James Donaldson, Robert Stewart, John Wishart, Angus McPherson, Corporal Gordon, Corporal McLean, Corporal Cummins, 3 women and 1 child—16.

No. 9—To FREDERICK.

John Grant, John Crawford, William McDonald, John Masterton, Andrew Wardlaw, Donald McKenzie, Peter Morton, Alexander McKenzie, John Anderson, Joseph Stewart, James Mann, Donald McDonald, and George Giles—13.

No. 10—To GOOCHLAND.

Alexander McBain, Angus McBain, William Stewart, William Grant, Donald Smith, John Fraser, William McPherson, Duncan Fraser, Ken-

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neth McLennen, Thomas McIntosh, Hector McLean, Angus McBain, Sen'r, George Keith—13, 2 women.

No. 11—To LOUDON.

Donald McLeod, Donald Keith, John McLeod, William Kelley, Alexander McIntosh, John McLeod, jr., Peter Robinson, John Gunn, Murdock Morrison, Hugh McKay, John Forbes, William Robinson, John McKay—13.

No. 12—To LOUISA.

Robert Whitepeper, Donald Urquard, John McDonald, Milles McMullen, James Fraser, William Falconer, John Grant, jun'r, Roderick McDonald, Donald McKenzie, Angus McDonald, Donald McGregor, Alexander McKenzie, Alexander Marr—13, 3 women and 2 children.

No. 13—To ORANGE.

Donald McDugall, Collen Campbell, Neil Cunningham, William Dunn, Paul McGinnes, Duncan Munn, Dugall McArthur, Archibald Downey, Archibald McArthur, Allan McPhee, Donald Shaw, and Neil Sinclair—13, 2 women.

No. 14—To SUSSEX.

Robert Campbell, Andrew Harconer, James Melvin, James Henderson, Duncan McKenley, James Dick, John Love, Fergus Kenneday, William Core, Robert Hunter, and John Turner—11.

CADETS—WINCHESTER.

Aneas McLeod, Magnus Murchison.

SERGEANTS—WINCHESTER.

George McCoy, Hugh Fraser, George Munroe, Donald Grant, Alexander McLean, William McLeod, Rory McCriman, Norman McLeod, and James Campbell.

And it is ordered, that they proceed from hence in two Divisions, each under a sufficient Guard, to be furnished by Brigadier-General Lewis out of the Regulars at this station; those for Cumberland, Amelia, Buckingham, Amherst, and Albemarle are to proceed to Cumberland Court House, leaving those for Goochland in that County as they pass through; and the county Lieutenant of Cumberland is desired to place a proper Guard over those for that county until the Committee shall have disposed of them, as they will be hereafter directed, and to send a Guard of the militia with the lot for Amelia County, and to send one other Guard for those for Amherst, Albemarle, and Buckingham Counties to the

county Lieutenant of Buckingham, who is desired to send proper Guards with the other lots to their respective counties. That those destined to Culpeper, Fauquier, Loudon, Berkeley, and Frederick proceed to Culpeper Court House, leaving those for Louisa and Orange as they pass through these Counties, and the County Lieutenant of Culpeper is desired to place a proper Guard over the Lott for that County until the Committee shall have disposed of them as they will be hereafter directed, and to send those for the other counties under a proper Guard of the militia with the Sergeants and cadets designed for Winchester to the county Lieutenant of Fauquier, who is desired to secure the lott for that County, and to send those for Loudon, Berkeley, and Frederick under a proper Guard of the militia to their respective Counties, and to send the prisoners destined for Winchester to the committee there, and they are to be confined within the limits of the Town as prisoners of war, giving their parole to the said committee not to depart without permission; and it is ordered, that the lott destined for Sussex County be sent under a Guard from hence immediately to that county, and that to each of the said Divisions be allowed two waggons. A circular Letter to the committee for each of the counties named in the foregoing distribution of the Scotch-Highland Prisoners and one other to the Committee of Frederick respecting the cadets and Sergeants, were read, approved of, and ordered to be recorded.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Walker, of Dinwiddie, for forty-five pounds, five shillings and five pence half-penny, for advanced pay to four men and for necessaries furnished the whole company.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Patrick Henry, Esquire, for the use of John Winston, of Hanover, for eleven pounds, seventeen shillings and four pence, for training duty of his minute company in the month of March.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to the Rev. Mr. Bland for eight pounds, sixteen shillings and ten pence half-penny, for the ballance of his account for rations and forage to the 28th of February.

Captain James Barron informed this Board that he had been charged with several things inconsistent with his duty as a public officer by Major Hendricks and Doctor Draper, and prayed that this Board would make an inquiry into the same. Resolved, that Tuesday next be appointed for that purpose, and it is ordered that the said Major Hendricks and Doctor Draper do attend on that day to support their allegations.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to John McDugall and John Trevitt for one hundred and twenty pounds, in exchange for their Draught on the Continental Navy Board, established at Philadelphia, for four hundred Dollars.

Ordered, that John McDugall and John Trevitt, with eight seamen belonging to the American cruiser Andrew Doria, be permitted to pass through this colony on their way to Philadelphia.

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Ordered, that a warrant issue to Mrs. Starke for one pound, seventeen shillings and six pence, for express hire, minute service.
The Committee adjourned till to-morrow eight o'clock.

Signed:

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TUESDAY, *June 25th, 1776.*

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Tabb.

Ord., a warrant to Philip Compton for £6 for a Rifle.

Same to Stephen Owen for £4.7.0 for wages as waggoner to the 1st Batt. previous to 28th Feby.

Same to Wm. Hunt for £3.10.0 for a Gun and for use Jno. Cox, £1.7.6 for a Gun both to Capt. Anderson's comp. Mecklenburg militia, and for use Chas. Hutchinson £1.17.6 for a Gun to Capr. Ballard's comp. Mecklenburg militia in service.

Same to Robt. Rakestraw for use sundry persons £9.16.6 for hunting shirts and tomahawks to Capt. Hutchings comp. 6th Reg't.

Same to Thos. Lewis, Esq'r, for use Peter Wilson for £5.12.6 pursuant to a resolution of convention.

Same to Dr. Alexander Skinner, for £75.13.0 for the pay, rations and forage of himself and 1 mate p'r acc't, also for use Daniel Doherty for £16.13.7½ for ditto.

Same to Robert Rutherford, Esq'r, for use sundry persons £225.4.11, for prov's to Capt. Darke and Beale's comps, 8th Reg't, also £3.10.0 for powder and lead to Do.

A warrant to Robt. Rutherford, Esq'r, for use Capt. Hugh Stenson and his subalterns, now in the Rifle Battalion under General Washington, for £140.6.8 additional pay allowed by Convention.

Same to Jno. Beckley for use of Lt. Wm. Lewis of Capt. Fleming's Comp. 1st Reg't for £11.19.9¼, his rations and forage to 28th Feby.

Ordered, that several Staff officers who have received Forage for more than one horse, be charged with the difference in their accounts.

A warrant to James Grubb for £5.10.0 ball'ce his account, for pay, &c., as Quarter-master to a detachment of 1st Reg't, 'til 28th Feby.

Same to David Cockran for £14.10.8 for flour and craft hire to Brig Liberty.

Agreeable to the Resolution of Convention, John Goodrich, jr., appeared before the Committee of Safety, and was tendered the oath prescribed by Convention, which he refused to take, whereupon it is ordered that the said John Goodrich, jr. be forthwith disarmed. Bond w'th security ent'd into and ackn'd acco. to order of Convention and ordered to be recor'd.

A pass to Terence Conolly and Jacob Williams to Kemp's Landing.

A warrant to Mrs. Mary Gibbons for £3.18.0 for Ferriages.

Same to Jos. Speed for Wm. Hudson for £5, and for Wm. Booker for £4, for 2 Rifles to Mecklenburg min. men.

Same to Wm. Booker, Esq'r, for use Sam. Baker for £5.10.0 for a Rifle, for use Joshua Baker for £4 for 1 Do., and use Geo. Shellody for £4.10.0 for 1 Do. to Capt. Allen's min. comp., Prince Edward; and also for use Douglass Baker for £5.10.0, for 1 Do. to Capt. Brent's comp., 4th Reg't.

It being represented to this Comm'ee that the county of Brunswick have lodged a quantity of salt at the Town of Petersburg, and that the comm'ee of that county wish to exchange part of the s'd salt for a quantity belonging to county now in Brunswick. The Comm'ee therefore agree to make the exchange, provided the same number of bushels is delivered to the care of Mr. Rich'd Taylor in Petersburg.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 8 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, 26th June, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Tabb.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to William Bernard, Esq'r, for the use of Captain Bernard, of the fifth Battalion, for one hundred and fourteen pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence, for the pay of his company and for rations and forage to himself and his subalterns previous to the 28th of February.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to William Cabell, Esq'r, for the use of Hugh Rose for thirty-eight pounds, seventeen shillings and one penny, the ballance of his account for arms.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Henry King, Esquire, for the use of Edward Mallory for one pound, eight shillings for fodder, and thirteen shillings and six pence for the use of the Reverend Mr. Selden for negro hire.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to William Cabell, Esq'r, for thirty-seven pounds and ten pence for Bacon and Flour; seven pounds, eleven shillings and three pence for the use of Joseph Cabell, for a Rifle, a Gun, and one hundred Gun flints; three pounds ten shillings for the use of the estate of Cornelius Thomas, dec'd, for a Gun; four pounds nineteen shillings for the use of Samuel Woods, for six Rugs; and fifteen shillings for the use of Richard Prichett, for provisions furnished Captain Nicholas Cabell's minute company.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Richard Taylor for one hundred and twenty pounds, sixteen shillings and four pence half-penny for provisions furnished the minute men at Petersburg; and one pound, ten shillings

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for three ruggs furnished Captain Hopkins' company of the fifth Battalion.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to James Wray for nineteen pounds, twelve shillings and five pence half-penny, for Ruggs furnished Captain Shervin's minute company in Amelia county; one pound fifteen shillings for the use of Taylor and Newsum for a Gun furnished Captain Rogers' minute company in Halifax county; and fifty pounds for the use of Silvester Adams, for arms furnished Captain Perkins' minute company in the county of Pittsylvania.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Gabriel Jones for three hundred and twenty-one pounds, three shillings and two pence. for the pay of his company of marines to the 29th of this month, for recruiting expenses, and for sundry necessities furnished the company.

A certificate of the review of Captain Jones' company of marines on the 22d of June was returned and commissions issued to Captain Jones and his subalterns, dated accordingly.

Present: Mr. Lee.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Beverley Stubblefield, a cadet in the sixth Battalion, for four pounds, ten shillings and one penny, for pay and rations to the 20th of June.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Joseph Byrn for the use of Edward Snickers for four hundred pounds on account, to purchase arms and other articles for the public use.

Ordered, that the Keeper of the Public Magazine do deliver to John Young, for the use of Captain Travis, one hundred pounds of powder, one hundred pounds of lead, twenty-five two-pounds ball, and fifty swivel shott, and that the Commissary of Stores do deliver him two bolts of oznaburgs.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain Thompson, of Albemarle, for fifty-one pounds thirteen shillings for provisions, Hunting Shirts, and Leggings furnished his minute company.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Captain John Cocke for fifty-three pounds nineteen shillings for the pay of his company of marines to the 25th of this month for recruiting expenses and for seven blankets.

Ordered, that the Keeper of the Public Magazine do deliver to Captain John Cocke fifty-four musquets with either bayonets, spurs, or cutlasses, and fifty-four cartouch boxes; and that the commissary of stores do deliver him one drum and Fife, fifty-six Hatts, fifty-six pair of shoes, two hundred and fifty yards of Oznabriggs, eighty-four yards —, fifty-six dozen vest buttons, nine dozen coat Buttons, four pounds of thread, and one hundred and ninety-six yards of shirting.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Henry Tazewell, Esq'r, for the use of Captain James Mason, for fourteen pounds, four shillings and four pence half penny, the ballance of his account for rations and Forage while on

duty at Norfolk; ten pounds for waggon hire to his minute Company now on duty, and seventy-two pounds, eleven shillings and two pence half penny, the ballance of his account for blankets and other necessities furnished his said company.

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Ordered, that the Keeper of the Public Magazine do deliver to Captain Mason, of the first new raised minute Battalion, two Guns for the use of his company, and that the commissary of stores do deliver him ten blankets and four potts, and to Captain Pelham, of the same Battalion, nine blankets and six potts for the use of his company.

The Committee adjourned till to-morrow at eight o'clock.

Signed:

EDMUND PENDLETON.

THURSDAY, *June 27th, 1776.*

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Tabb.

A warrant to Henry Tazewell, Esq'r, for use Wm. Polason for £2.5.0, for corn furnished Capt. Pelham's comp. min. men, from Brunswick.

Same to Daniel Triplett for use Thomas Brown for £3.15.0 for a Gun to 3rd Reg't; also for use Dr. Geo. French for £5.9.0 for medicines and attend'ce to Capt. Taylor's cruizer.

A commiss'n issued to the Judges of Frederick county.

A warrant to Wm. Booker, Esq'r, for use Capt. Charles Allen, £1.16.3, for prov's, &c., to his comp'y from Prince Edw'd; for use Nicholas Broadway £11.10.0, for waggon. to Do.

Same to Wm. H. Avery for £14.4.2, for making hunting shirts for Ruffin's comp., and for wood, &c., to Do.

Same to Wm. Acrill, Esq'r, for use James Christian, £2.18.6, for sundries to the Troops at Suffolk.

Same to Capt. John Winston for £61.8.6, for hunting shirts, Leggings, Blanketts, &c., to his min. comp., Hanover, 1st Batt.

Same to Henry Tazewell, Esq'r, for use Wm. Mason £12.10.0, for attendance as commissary to the min. men at Sussex Court House.

Same to Capt. John Winston for use Capt. Chas. Dabney for £44.16.9, for hunting shirts, Leggings, &c., to his min. comp., Louisa; also £25.11.8 for training duty in March and April.

Same to Capt. Nicholas Cabell for £18.11.11½, arms, hunting shirts, prov's, to his min. comp., Amherst.

Same to Capt. John Winston for use John Norvell for £4.6.0, for prov's to Chas. Dabney's comp.

Same to Robt. Warren for £2.9.6 for removing cannon from New Kent Court House to Cumb'd Town.

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Same to Chas. Fulgham, Esq'r, £5, for 2 swivel Guns to Capt. Calvert for his Galley.

Same to Nich's Faulcon, Esq'r, for use Thos. Watt for £2.10.0, for a Gun to Watkins' Comp., 4th Reg't; also for use John Hutchings £1, for provisions to a guard of militia in Surry.

Same to Robt. Kerr for use Capt. Geo. Gibson for £44.19.0, for hunting shirts to his comp.

Same to Capt. James Mason for £8.13.4, a further allowance for Leg-gins to his min. comp. It appearing to the Comm'ee he was unable to procure other Linen or at a cheaper price, and the inclemency of the season required they should have Leggings.

Permits to James Hartman and Francis Mashoc, his Lady and child, to go to Philadelphia.

A warrant to Litt. Mosby, jr., for £2.0.0, for a Gun to the Artillery.

A warrant to Capt. Simon Laughlin for £16.13.11½, pay and prov's of his company of militia, on duty in Middlesex county.

Same to Isaac Zane, Esq'r, for use Angus McDonald, for £14.11.10, for sundries furnished Indian captives by order of Fred'k Committee.

Same to Col. Wm. Clayton for use John Tyree for £6.16.6, for prov's to Colo. Meredith's Batt.

Same to Lt. John Billups for £35.4.8, for pay of his comp. of militia on duty in Gloster.

Orders granted Capt. Calvert to Com'y of Stores for 50 cutlasses, 1 Drum and Fife, 350 yards Oznaburg, and 10 lbs. pump Leather; to Mr. Maupin for 500 lbs. powder, 150 lbs. eighteen-pound shott, and 500 lbs. lead or shott; to Mr. Adams for 20 Barrels Pork, out of the stores at Cumber'd.

The Comm'ee agree that as soon as the Blankets lately bro't to this place, w'ch were taken on board the Oxford prize ship, are appraised, they may be exchanged w'th Colo. Weeden for an equal number of Ruggs now in possession of 3rd reg't, to be lodged with the Commissary of Stores; and Rob't Nicolson, Benj. Powell, John Minson Galt, and Humphrey Harwood, or any three, being sworn, are app'd to appraise the same and the other effects taken on board s'd Prize.

Ordered, that the Linen purchased of R'd Woods for use Colo. Meredith's Batt. be del'd Colo. Aylett, as the same is not wanting for Colo. Meredith's Batt.

Ordered, a Letter to be written to Majors Snickers and Thurston, requesting them to desist from any further purchase of Rifles or Guns.

The field officers of the two Minute Battalions lately ordered to North Carolina appeared and ret'd their comm'ns, the same being superseded and rendered void by a resolution of Convention and the order of this Comm'ee for calling them into service here. Whereupon other comm'ns were drafted, read, approved, signed by the members, and delivered to the respective officers as aforesaid, dated this day.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow, 8 o'clock.

FRIDAY, *June 28th, 1776.*

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Tabb, Mr. Digges.

Ordered, that 50 bushels of the public salt at Hobbs' hole be delivered to the order of Colo. Field.

A warrant to John Woodson, Esq'r, for use James Pleasants for £9.8.0, for arms (3) to Capt. Carrington's min. comp., Cumberland; also for use John Madison £1.11.0, for prov's to Capt. Thompson's min. comp.

Same to Lieut. Ed. Garland for £14.5.7½, ball'ce of acc't for rations to 28th February, 1st Reg't.

Same to David Mason, Esq'r, for use George Rives, for £51.16.2½, for prov's to sundry minute comp's at Sussex Court House.

Capt. Calvert settled his acc't for Disbursements for his Galley. Balance due him, £24.19.6½. Ordered a warrant issue to him for the same.

Present: Mr. Lee.

Pursuant to Resolution of Convention, the Comm'ee proceeded to the appointment of a Surgeon, Quarter-Master, and Adjutant to the 1st Minute Batt., as follows: Resolved, that John K. Reid be Surgeon, Wm. Meredith Quarter-Master, and John Overton, Adjutant.

A warrant to Capt. John Calvert for £95.15.0, for his board, wages, travelling expenses, &c., in fitting his Galley.

Present: Mr. Page.

Absent: Mr. President.

Ordered, that Capt. Hannway, with the quota of marines recruited by him, repair immediately on board Capt. Calvert's Galley, to enable him to enter into actual service.

Ordered, Mr. Maupin deliver John Livern, for use Indian captives, 6 lbs. powder and 12 lbs. lead.

A warrant to James Southall for £23.2.6, for lodging, prov's, and sundry necessities furnished prisoners, &c.

Same to Major Eppes for £119.0.0, for sundries to the army per acc't settled and allowed by Comm'rs.

Same to Capt. Rich'd Parker for £30.3.6, for hunting shirts, Leggins, and prov's, &c., to his comp.. 2nd reg't.

Same to Mrs. Cooley for £12.10.0, for attendance of herself and negro as nurse to 1st Regiment.

Same to Lieut. Hughes for £22.2.6, for a quantity of Brass purchased for the public; also £2.9.0, for waggonage and corn to Southampton Min. Batt.

Order to Mr. Maupin to deliver Capt. Smith, of Gloster minute men, for his company, 25 lbs. powder, 75 lbs. lead, 25 cartridge boxes, 50 flints, and 6 canteens.

Order to Colo. Aylett to deliver Capt. Smith 252 y'ds oznaburgs for his comp.

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Order to Mr. Maupin to deliver Capt. Nich's Cabell, Amherst minute comp., 56 canteens, 9 cartridge boxes, and 1 Drum; also, 4 Rifles, to be replaced by 4 other Guns.

Same to deliver 25 Musquets and Bayonets to Capt. Mitchell, for his marines.

Same to Wm. Fog for £14.0, for 4 days' duty as adjutant to 2nd Min. Batt.

Same to Capt. Wm. Smith for £168.5.7½, for pay and prov's of his min. comp. to 25th instant.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 8 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, *June 29th, 1776.*

Present: Mr. Digges, President pro tempore; Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee. Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Tabb.

A warrant to Capt. Jos. Carrington for £8.6.3, for prov's and necessaries to his min. comp., Cumberland.

Same to J. Beckley for use J. Pendleton, for £17, his wages from the 10th to the 27th instant inclusive; also £1.12.0 paid George Donald for a room and firewood 3 days, for the Comm'ee, when at Richmond.

Same to J. Mayo, Esq'r, for £41.5.8 for prov's to the 1st new raised min. Batt.

Same to Wm. Woodfin, Esq'r, for £27.16.0, the pay of John Cannon, Thos. Robinson, Spence Monroe, William Sniggers, and Valentine Harrison, cadets in his reg't, to 28th May.

Same to Lodwich Farmer, Esq'r, for use Elisha Easter, £3 for a Gun furnished Capt. Dixon, of the Lunenburg min. men; for use Hugh Nox, £3.10.0 for a Gun furnished Capt. Garland, and for use Elisha Easter, £1.7.6 for a Gun to Capt. Dixon.

A warrant to Jona. Dye for 8s.6d. for prov's to four prisoners.

Same to Jacob Huntsman for £15.15.0 for waggonage to Capt. Collier's min. Comp., Charlotte.

Same to Colo. Woodford for use Wm. Brown, Surgeon to 2nd Reg't. £22.15.0, add. pay all'd by convention.

Same to Mr. Wm. Whitfield for £15.8.2½ for the prison fees and sundries furnished prisoners condemned to Nansemond Jail.

Present: Mr. Vice-President.

Same to Lt. Obadiah Woodson for £114.10.0 for hunting shirts. Blankets, arms, &c., for Capt. Morton's company, 4th Reg't.

Same to Mr. Henry Taylor for £17.7.6¼ for prov's to Southampton min. Batt.

Present: Mr. President.

Lt. Monroe, of Capt. Parker's comp., 2nd Reg't, resigned his continen'l

comm'n, which was accepted and ordered to be ent'd, the General having given his consent.

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A warrant to John Clay for £3, his pay as Cadet in 6th Reg't to 30th June.

Same to Jos. Clapham, Esq'r, for use Eliza. Baker for £20.7.6 for prov's to Capt. Russell's comp., 5th Reg't; also for use Daniel Lush for £2.3.0 for prov's to said Comp., and for use Josiah Moffit for £30 for waggon hire to the army.

The commiss'y of the Continental Forces representing to the comm'ee that he is under difficulties to procure a Deputy commissary to go to North Carolina, and that Mr. Rueben Lindsey is a very proper person to discharge that duty, but is now in the service as a min. man in the company from Albemarle, the Comm'ee think it would be for the good of the service, and accordingly request of Mr. Lindsey to perform the business.

Ordered, that Capts. Gregory and Phipp be requested to appraise the Carboose, sails and other articles on board the Oxford prize which may be wanting by Capt. Cocke for his cruizer, and that the same, as soon as appraised, be delivered to him.

A warrant to Capt. Thos. Dillard for £41.15.8 for training duty and prov's for his comp'y in April and May of Pittsylvania min. men.

Absent: Mr. President.

A warrant to Robt. Sanford for £18.16.0 for waggon hire to Capt. Turner's min. Comp'y, Halifax.

Same to Wm. Lawson for £7.10.0 for Do. to Capt. Roger's min. Comp., Halifax.

Same to Col. Willis Riddick for £101.0.6 for prov's, wood, &c., to Nansemond militia; also for arms and sundry articles. N. B.—Colo. Riddick to produce cert's, otherwise to be charged with the am't of this warrant.

Adjourned 'til Monday next.

MONDAY, 1st July, 1776.

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Present: President, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Page, Mr. Tabb, and Mr. Lee.

A warrant to Capt. Thos. Dillard for £88.12.3 for prov's, hunting shirts, Leggins, Blankets, &c., to his Comp. min. men.

Same to Rodham Kenner for use Geo. H. Opie, £4.19.8, pay of a guard at mouth of Cone River.

Same to Jos. Speed for use Jeremiah Lanekin, £3 for a Gun, and for use Norvel Hunt Burton £2.10 for 1 Do., both furnished Capt. Anderson's min. Comp., Mecklenburg.

Same to Sam'l McDowell, Esq'r, for use Wm. Rutherford, 3s.3d. for forage for a horse to Capt. Posey's comp.

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Same to Mr. Valentine Peyton for £8.5.0, forage for 1 horse as surgeon's mate to 3rd Batt.

Same to Capt. Everard Meade for £6.8.6 for med. to his comp'y.

Same to Jno. Tabb, Esq'r, for use Alex'r and Peter'd Trent for £3.9.3 for 2 brass kettles for the public; also £5.8.8, colours for the Amelia militia; also for use Jno. Pleasants, £4.10 for a Gun.

Same to Wm. Foster for £8 for waggon hire to Capts. Shervin and Campbell's Comp's min.

Same to Litt. Mosby for £3.8.0 for acting as an adjutant to a detachment of Amelia min. men.

Same to Mrs. Hodson for £49.5.2 for sundry medicines furnished the Troops at Kemp's Landing.

Same to Jno. Tabb, Esq'r, for use Capt. Rob't Ballard for £70.13.1 for hunting Shirts, 2 Guns (£7), waggon hire, &c., to his Company.

Same to Henry King, Esq'r, for use Sam'l Allyne for £38.10.4 for Iron and plank for public use and for a boat pressed into service and lost.

Ord., that the General be requested to deliver to the order of Colo. George Mason the 2 pieces of cannon, 18-pounders, now before Gwinn's Island, as soon as the same can be spared from thence, and to engage a proper person to convey them to Mrs. Webb's landing, on Piscataway creek, for the use of the Rowe Gallies on Potowmack River.

A warrant to — Bickerston for use Abraham Murray, 6s. for a fife to 2nd new raised min. Batt.

Same to Arch'd Cary, Esq'r, for use Chesterfield County, £15.0.0 for 1 p'r colours and 2 Drums Capts. Markham and Faulconer's Comp's; also £25 for 2 suits colours to the Amelia min. Batt.

Mr. James Hubbard having returned an Inventory of the Cargo on board the Oxford Prize—It is ordered, that he proceed to sell the s'd Goods as soon as appraised, at public auction, for ready money (except the Blankets and Tent and all of waistcoats and Barrel of powder), rendering an acc't of sales and paying the money into the Treasury subject to future order.

Mr. Hubard ret'd to the Comm'ee the 54 Guineas found on board the Oxford prize, w'ch are ord'd to be sent to the Treasury to be exchanged for continental currency.

A warrant to Arch'd Cary, Esq'r, for £400 upon acc't for the building Rowe Galley, and for use Chester'd County, £57.10.0 for powder furnished the public.

Same to Cutbert Bullit, Esq'r, for use John McMillon for £2 for four days' waggonage to Prince Wm. min. Battallion; also for use Margaret Rawlings, £2.13.0 for care and attendance and a Blanket found a sick soldier of s'd Batt.

Same to Wm Cabell, Esq'r, for use Jos. Cabell for £10.17.9 all'd by convention for collecting sundry sums for the public.

Colo. Cary is desired to deliver 300 lbs. of the powder purchased of Chester'd county to Capt. Muter for his Rowe Galley.

Present: Mr. Digges.

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A warrant to Jos. Jones, Esq'r, for use Col. Fielding Lewis for £1,800 upon acc't, to enable him to pay the private adventurers their share of the goods lately imported in Rappa. and taken into the public store. £1,000 upon acc't, for the expenses of the Navy in Rappa.; also £500 upon acc't, for use Comm'n's Gun Factory.

Same to Capt. Peter Perkins for £110.14.6 for sundry expenses of his company of min. men. Pittsylvania.

Same to Capt. Nath. Fox for £46.5.6 for support of his men of 6th Reg't, late Capt. Ruffin from Inlistment 'til Rendezvous.

Same to Same for £24.7.6 for hunting shirts, leggins to his comp.

Same to John Lawson for £53.6.0 ballance of his acc't, as commis'y of stores for Lancaster minute Batt.

Colo. Fielding Lewis is directed to average the wages of the officers and seamen belonging to the vessels that sailed from Rappa. on the public acc't, as well as on the acc't of the private adventurers.

A warrant to Mathew Marable for £10.10 for rugs to Capt. Dillard's min. comp. Pittsylvania; also £10.10.0 for Do. to Capt. Perkins min. comp. same county.

Same to George Meriwether, Esq'r, for use Dr. J. K. Reade for £13.10.7½ for sundry medicines and attendance on sundry min. comp's at Manchester.

Ord., that the Comm'n's appointed to manage the Estate of Charles Neilson, permit Charlotte Neilson, his wife, to continue in the use of such part of the Estate, as shall upon enquiry appear to have been her property by marriage contract, 'til further order, and that they take possession in consequence of the former order of the remainder of the Estate.

Order on the Comm'y of Stores to Capt. Perkins, for 27 blankets, 37 p'r leggins, 35 shot bags and 11 hunting shirts.

Same to Capt. Dillard for 25 Duffee Blankets, 10 Kettels or potts and 7 pouches.

A warrant to Dr. Wm. Fouchee for £58.0.10½ for medicines to 9th Reg't.

A warrant to Capt. Thos. Nelson for use David Thompson, for £15.6.1, for sundry rigging and other necessities furnished Capt. Robt. Tompkins rowe Galley.

Mr. Mathew Marable produced sundry claims against the Estate of John Goodrich, which are ordered to remain filed until order shall be taken therein.

Capt. Nelson, of 1st Regiment appeared and rec'd his continental commission.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 8 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, 2nd July, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Page, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Cabell and Mr. Jones.

A warrant to Thos. Whiting for £13.9.0 $\frac{1}{4}$ for sundry Ferriages on public acc't.

Same to Colo. Willis Riddick for use Lieut. Bembridge Goodwin for £172.13.10, pay and prov's of a guard at Barret's point.

Same for use Sam'l Hunt £2.10.0, for wood and house rent to said guard; for use Nicho's Jones £2.13.6, for express and horse hire; for use James Bates £6.12.0, for wood to 2nd Regiment; and for use John Asbury £1.3.6 for prov's to Nansemond militia.

Same to John Banister, Esq., for £92.16.4, the ball'ce of his acc't for arms and other articles furnished the public.

A rec't from the Treasurer for 54 Guineas, sent acco. to order of yesterday; rec'd and o. r'd.

Same to Capt. Sam'l Hopkins, of 6th Reg't, for £35.4.9, for hunting shirts and Leggins to his comp'y.

Same to Capt. Willis Wills for £281.13.3, for pay of his min. company, Isle Wight, to 29th June; also £1.3.6 for Ferriages and 7s. 6d. for wood to s'd comp'y.

Same for use John Litt. Wills for £103.8.5 for prov's and 2 Guns (£7) to same company.

Same to Capt. Wm. Russell for £1179.5.2, for the recruiting expense and pay of 100 men in Fincastle under his command from Sept. 6th to January 22d.

Comm'n's issued to Capt. Edmonds and his subalterns, of Lancaster Min. Batt., dated 2nd October.

Ordered, that Rich'd Taylor, of Petersburg, deliver to Col. Russell, for use Thos. Madison, contractor of prov's to the Frontier Rangers, 50 Bu. Salt.

Upon the representation of Colo. Adam Stephens, it is ordered that the two minute companies stationed at the Great Bridge be discharged, that the militia at Pig point and minute comp'y at Chuckatuc be discharged, and that Capt. Huffer's comp'y at Craney Island be reduced to a guard of twelve men under command of a sergeant. Also that Capt. Willis Wills' comp. min. men statio. at Smithfield be discharged.

A warrant to Col. Adam Stephen for £24.13.9 $\frac{1}{2}$, expense of Indian Treaty in 1774, £— for arms for 4th Reg't and fuel prior to 28th Feb'y.

Same to Rich'd Adams, Esq., £21.4.0, for a Gun to Henrico Pleasants and for freight of sundry prov's from Cumberland.

Same to Robt. Williams for £21.2.6, for use John Morton, for waggonage to Capt. Dillard's min. comp., Pittsylv'a; for use of Jesse Duncan £2.10.0 for do. to Ballard's comp., Mecklenburg, and for himself £174.17.9, ballance of his acc't for arms purchased for the public.

A warrant to Col. Wm. Russell for £300 upon acc't for advanced pay to the Regiment under his command.

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Ordered, three warrants to John Hawkins for £1000 each, and three others for £500 each, upon acc't as Commissary of Prov's.

Same for use Isaac Herin for £78, waggon hire.

Same to Rodham Kenner, Esq'r, for use North'd county, £33.18.11, for powder and ball furnished the public.

Same to James Scott, Esq'r, for use Wm. Blackwell £18, for arms and waggon hire to Culpeper min. Batt., and for use Elias Edmonds £5.10.3, for Linen for Hunting Shirts to do.

Henry Lee and Francis Peyton, Esq., are app'd to purchase the horses and arms for Capt. Lee's Troop of horse and ord. a warrant to them for £750 upon acc't for that purpose. Bond ack'd and o. r'd.

A warrant to W. R. St. Carle for £50 upon account, for the use of Eliz'h City Comm'rs Salt Works.

Same to Dav. Mason, Esq'r, for use Dr. Jenkins £1.10.0 for a rug to the sick at Kemps.

Same to H'ble Bart. Dandridge, Esq'r, for use John Muir for £9.3.2 for plank and nails to 3rd Batt.

Same to Rich'd Jarvis for £20 in full for his claim to 8 casks of nails brot. to Suffolk.

Same to Dr. Griffiths for £47.8.1½ for the deficiency of his pay, rations and Forage as Surgeon to 3rd Regiment, and £10 for Surgeon's Instruments.

Present: Mr. Lee.

A warrant to Major Spotswood for use Lieut. Sanford for £11 for bounty to 9 men of 2nd Reg't, re-enlisted and 2 new recruits.

Same to James Anderson for £142.16.0 for a quarter's wages of himself, workmen, and use of shop, per agreement.

Same to Benj'n Powell for £104.8.3 for sundry services on public acc't and articles to Do.

Same to Jas. Holt, Esq'r, for use John Whiddon for £105.08½ for sundry services of himself and servants in mounting cannon and ab't the Fortifications at Portsmouth.

Same to Francis Peyton, Esq'r, for use Thos. Humphrey, £12.12.0 for Tomahawks furnished Capt. And. Russell's comp'y, 5th Reg't.

Capt. Rodger Thompson, of Albemarle county, having informed the Comm'ee that Sherod Bugg, James Craywatt, Edmond Moody, Thos. Sprouse, Richard Melton, James Sprouse, Henry Sprouse, and James Johnson, soldiers in his min. Comp'y stationed at Burwell's Ferry, had deserted last night, he is empowered to advertize a proper description of them in the public papers, with a reward of £2 per man for apprehending them, and the Comm'ee of Albemarle are requested to take proper steps for effecting the same.

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Ord., that any shott which may be provided by General Lewis at the Continental expense, for the cannon employed at Portsmouth or elsewhere, w^{ch} may remain on hand, ought to be paid for by this country, whenever the said cannon are taken out of the possession of the Cont'l Troops.

Dr. Pasteur is desired to visit John Goodrich, the elder, and enquire into the state of his health and report to this board.

Lieut. James Burnett of Capt. Patterson's comp. in ye 6th Reg't, appe'd and resigned his con't com'n, which being accepted by the General is approved and ord. to be cert'd.

Ensign Wm. Thompson, of Capt. Chas. Dabney's minute comp'y in Colo. Meredith's Batt. also resigned his com'n which is accepted and O. R.

Ord., a warrant to Capt. Ben. Temple for £750 upon acc't, for the purchase of horses, arms and accoutrements for his troop of horse. Bond ex'd, ackn'd and O. R'd.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 8 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, *July 3rd, 1776.*

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Page.

A warrant to Dr. Robt. Rose for £15.10 for Chirurgical Instruments furnished Brig Liberty.

Same to Colo. Wm. Russel for use James Dysart for £1.7.6, for prov's to the Fincastle troops.

Same to Jos. Speed for use Noah Dorth for £6 for a Rifle Gun to Capt. Ballard's min. Comp., Mecklenburg.

Same to Thos. Whiting, Esq'r, £50 for use Gloster county for so much formerly paid into the Treasury for 200 lbs. powder.

Same to Geo. Brooke, Esq'r, for use Ed. Hill, £200.9.7 for a quantity of corn furnished Wm. Reynolds for his adventure.

Same to Geo. Brooke for £1.7.9 for Ferriages to 8th Reg't.

Same to Henry King, Esq'r, for use Wm. Randall for £20.9.0 for his services in conveying vessels from Hampton up James River p'r acc't.

Same to Capt. Bland for £750 upon acc't for purchase of arms, horses, and accoutrements for his Troop of horse. Bond ex'd, ackn'd, and O. R'd.

Same to Richard Adams, Esq'r, for use Thos. Watkins £2.10.0 for prov's furnished Capt. Crockett's comp'y of 7th Reg't, and for use George Parke, £29.7.4½ for prov's to Brig Liberty.

Same to Jos. Nevill for use sundry persons for £9.19.6 for prov's, &c., furnished Capt. Westfall, 8th Reg't; also for use Hampshire County. £20.10.0 for conveying powder to Pittsburg.

A comm'n issued and deliv'd Wm. Russell, Esq'r, to be Lieut.-Colo. of the 6 comp's of Rangers to be employed in Fincastle, dated 14th June. Sub'd articles and took oath.

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Mr. Robt. Rakestraw is app'd Quartermaster to Col. Lewis's min. Batt. on service.

A warrant to Jos. Nevill, Gent., for use James Parsons, £8.4.6 for sundries furn'd for building a furnace for 3rd Regiment; also 19s. for repairing arms to 3rd Reg't.

A certif'te of appointment of Mordecai Throckmorton, Gent., to be Capt. of a minute comp. in Gloster district, was ret'd and a comm'n issued, dated 6th May.

A warrant to Benj'n Ward for £2.10.0 for a M Gun flints furnished the public.

Same to Capt. S. J. Cabell, £3 for recruiting 3 soldiers, and £14.12.6 for Tomahawks, Hoppases, &c., to his comp'y, 6th Reg't.

Same to Capt. James Barron for £121.18.10 for pay roll of boat Liberty to 25th June; also for use Capt. R'd Barron for £100.7.3 for Do. of boat Patriot to 25th June.

Present: Mr. Lee.

A comm'n issued to the Judges of Dinwiddie County.

Ord., that the Boat formerly taken by Capt. Barron, late the property of John Mitchell, now up James River, be delivered to Capt. Barron or his order, to be by him employed in the public service.

A warrant to Capt. James Barron, £96 upon acc't in part of the prize money of Brig Fanny, to be distributed in equal proportions among the men concerned in taking the s'd Brig.

Same to Capt. Thos. Hutchings for £107.15.0 for support of his men of 6th Reg't whilst in the county, and for Blankets, hunting shirts, Horses, Leggings, &c.

Same to John Draper for £8.11.6 for Express hire.

Same to Capt. Throckmorton for £154.5.7½ for pay his min. comp., late Peyton's, on service in Gloster to 1st Instant.

Same to Thos. Stanley for £6.12.6 for his services as waggoner.

Ord., the Comm'y of Stores deliver Colo. Weeden, on his own account, Duck sufficient for the sides of a Tent.

A warrant to D. Jameson for use Capt. John Nelson for £750 on acc't for the purchase of horses, arms, and accoutrements for his Troop of horse. Bond ack'd.

Same to Capt. Thos. Lilly for £162.19.3 for pay of workmen on Brig Liberty.

Same to Isaac Holday for £20 on account, for mounting cannon in Gloster.

Resolved, that Dr. Walter Bennett be appointed Surgeon to 2nd Min. Batt.

Adjourned till to-morrow 8 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, 4th July, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Page, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, and Mr. Jones.

A warrant to John Jordan for £3.14.8, his pay as a cadet in the 6th Reg't to 2nd July.

Same to Benj'n Patterson £11.15.7½, for Do. and rations to 28th June.

Same to Wm. Clayton, Esq'r, for use Rich'd C. Graves for £24.12.0, for sundry articles and work for Brig Liberty.

Same to Larkin Smith £4.6.2, his pay and rations as cadet in the 6th Reg't to 20th June.

Same to Marden Perkins for £5, express hire for 6th Batt.

Same to Edw'd Irving £12.11.4, his pay and rations as a cadet in 6th Reg't.

Same to Gab. Penn for use Wm. Penn, Lieut. in Capt. Jameson's troop of horse, for £250 upon acc't, for purchase of horses, arms, and accoutrements. Bond ex'd and o. r'd.

Same to Capt. Geo. Muter, for use James Lyle for £1.8.6, for 6 iron potts furnish'd Capt. Chas. Allen for Prince Edw'd min. men; also £6.17.0 for shalloon for capes and cuffs for Capt. Jos. Carrington's comp., Cumberland, and three iron potts.

Same to Thos. Everard and James Cocke £74, their salary as comm'rs of acc'ts to this day, inclusive.

Same to Arthur Campbell for use Thos. Madison £500, upon acc't as Comm'y and Paymaster to the Militia on duty in Fincastle.

Same to Sam. McDowell, Esq'r, £55 upon acc't, for recruiting a comp. Rangers in Augusta.

Same to John Bowyer, Esq'r, for £106 upon acc't, for Do. 2 comp's in Botetourt.

Same to Abram Hite, Esq'r, £55 upon acc't, for Do. 1 comp'y in Hampshire.

Same to French Strother, Esq'r, for use Capt. John Jameson for £500, upon account for recruiting service, purchase of horses, arms, &c., of Capt. Jameson's Troop of horse. Bond ex'd, ackn'd, and o. r'd.

A review of Capt. Spencer's comp., Orange, of 7th Reg't. on 8th May. ret'd and o. r'd.

Comm'ns iss'd and del'd Capt. Spencer and subalterns, dated same day.

Capt. Samuel Evans, master of the Friendship, taken as a Prize by Capt. R'd Barron is all'd his parole.

A warrant to Colo. John Lyne for £674.16.10, for Flour and bread furnished Brig Liberty.

The Comm'ee fix the allowance of officers for a Tent at £4.10.0 each.

A warrant to Duncan McPherson for £2.10.0 for Fodder.

The Comm'ee, taking into consideration the services of Colo. William

Aylett as Commissary of Stores, which he has discharged with great fidelity and diligence, to the entire satisfaction of the Comm'ee, are of opinion that he ought to be allowed for the same after the rate of £300 p'r ann'm, exclusive of all expenses.

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The Comm'ee being of opinion that it is absolutely necessary to employ some person to close their proceedings by finishing the orders raising a new book of accounts, and to perform sundry other services requisite for that purpose, do agree to employ John Berkeley ass't clerk to this Comm'ee, to perform the s'd services, with an allowance of fifteen shillings per day.

A warrant to the members and officers of the Comm'ee for £288, their attendance from June 10th to July 4th, and for travelling expenses in returning home.

Same to Capt. Sam. J. Cabell for £4.10.0 for a Tent.

Ordered, Commis'y of Stores deliver Dr. Griffith, for use 3rd Reg't, 20 lbs. Bark.

A warrant to Lt. Alex'r Rose, Benj'n Taliaferro, and James Barnett, of 6th Reg't, £4.10.0 each for Tents (officers in Cabell's comp'y).

Same to John Lyne, Esq'r, for use Elisha White £25, for conveying Elligood to Winchester.

Same to Jos. Nevill for use sundry persons £36.1.11, for arms, &c., to 3rd Reg't.

A pass to John Henshaw to go to Portsmo'.

A warrant to John Sek. Wells for £500 upon acc't, as manager of salt works on so. side James River. Bond ex'd, ackn'd, and o. r'd, to be paid on giving security to the Treasurer.

Same to Colo. Thos. Elliot for £1.19.8, for pay of 2 volunteers in Hickman's company, not before all'd.

Same to Ed. Pendleton, John Baynham, for £11.8.0, for Trophies to Caroline militia.

Same to Leonard Voloun for 15s., for making 3 centry boxes.

Same to Richard Henry Lee, Esq'r, for £500, upon acc't, for use of Richard Parker, Sen'r, manager of salt works in Northern Neck.

A warrant to Capt. Wm. Washington, of 3rd Reg't, for £4.10.0, for a Tent; and for Reginald Graham £3.10.0, for Barracks to 3rd Reg't at Alexandria.

Ord., that horses, arms, and accoutrements be purchased by Captains of the several Troops of horse with the money advanced them by this Comm'ee, being first approved of by such persons as shall review the Troopers respectively enlisted by such officers.

A warrant to Robey Coke for £16.14.4 for mounting cannon, &c.; also for use Sarah Coke £2, for house rent to army.

A warrant to R'd H. Lee for use Ex'ors Phil. Lud. Lee for £45.3.1, for sundry pieces of Duck furnished the Navy in Portsmouth.

The Comm'ee adjourned 'til to-morrow 8 o'clock.

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burg,
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FRIDAY, 5th July, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Page, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, and Mr. Jones.

A warrant to Gen. Penn for use Wm. Penn for £250 upon acc't, for the purchase of horses, arms, and accoutrements for his quota of Capt. Jameson's Troop horse. Bond ack'd.

Same to Lieut. Armistead for use Rob. Tompkins, for £20 upon acc't, for purchase of materials for his Galley.

Ordered, that the Comm'ee of West Augusta deliver Mr. John Campbell order 5 lbs. Gunpowder out of that in their hands belonging to the public.

A warrant to B. Dandridge, Esq'r, for use Pet. Barrow, 8s. for nails furnished the public.

Same to Lt. Joseph Scott for £13.5.0, ball'ce of his acc't and rations, &c., 1st Reg't.

Same to John Campbell for £49.14.5 for sundries to Capt. Arbuckle's Comp.; also for use Benj'n Pelton, 33s. for work on Batteaus for same Comp., and use Jno. Anderson for £8.4.6 for Express hire and sundries for use Garrison at Fort Pitt.

Same to Jos. Nevill, Esq'r, for use Thos. Craft for £13.10.0 for Tents furnished Major Marshall, Doctor Griffith, and Capt. Lee, of 3rd Reg't.

Same to Sylvanus Stokes for use sundry persons, £16.5.0 for arms to Capt. Dixon's comp., Lunenburg; also £20.0.6 for prov's to Do.

Ordered, that the Keeper of the Magazine deliver Lt. Armistead, for use Capt. Tompkins Rowe Galley, 100 lbs. powder and 200 lbs. Lead.

A certif'a of appointment of Rob't Cary to be capt. of a minute company in Gloster ret'd and o. cert'd; comm'n issued and dated 10th June.

A Letter written James Calloway to forward all the Lead on hand with exped'n.

Ordered, that Capt. Cary's comp. min. men in Gloster be called into duty, and that one Company of militia now on duty there be discharged.

A comm'n iss'd to the Judges of Berkeley.

A warrant to James Pulliam for use R'd Stone Sn'r, £3 for a Gun to Capt. Dixon for his comp. Lunenburg min. men.

Same to Francis Peyton for use Capt. Henry Lee for £750 upon acc't, for purchase of horses, arms and accoutrements. Bond ack'd, &c.

Same to French Strother, Esq'r, for use Capt. John Jameson, for £500 upon acc't, for same purpose. Bond ackn'd, &c.

Same to the members and officers of the comm'ee for £10.15.6 being for this day's allowance.

— Harrison appeared in Comm'ee and contracted to furn. Wheeling, Little Kanawha and Great Kanawha at — at — pitt for 8d. p'r ration, at Wheeling, for 8d. at Little Kan — at Great Kanawha for 13d., the rations

of the Quanti'y — prov's as per established ration, settled by this Comm'ee — is del'd him, and he is to be paid for all prov's taken by the Enemy, when moved from one garrison to another under guard, or any taken in garrison, and that Burr Harrison is app'd Paymaster to the troops at the above stations, and is to be all'd £30 p'r an'm for the two upper stations, and £50 p'r an'm for the two lower stations. Bond w'th security, penalty £10,000 ex'd ack'nd and O. R'd.

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A warrant to L't Thomas Armistead for £41.14.6 for pay of his marines to 1st July.

Geo. Brooke, Esq'r, settled his acc't with the comm'ee for disbursements of money advanced him, for pay of 1st, 2nd, 7th and 8th Reg'ts. Balance due him £18.13. A warrant issued for same.

A warrant to P. R. T. Lee for use Wm. Carr, for £3.2.6 for camp oven to 3rd Reg't.

Same to Capt. Wm. Washington for £14.14 for a Gun, waggonage and forage of horses for the min. Service, Caroline District.

Same to Valentine Peyton for £16.12.0 pay, forage and rations as surgeon's mate to 3rd Reg't.

Same to John Craig for £220.2.8, ballance of his acc't as commissary at Fred'g, and for £300 upon acc't for same purpose.

Same to D. Lester for £24.12.7½ for Ferriages per acc't.

Same to Jos. Jones, Esq'r, for use Chas. Carter for £24.1.6 for 160 lbs. Saltpetre deliv'd Fielding Lewis, Esq'r.

On considering the pet'o. of Henry Lochhead, and the depo. of Joel Pewett relative thereto, the Comm'ee are of opinion that the opening the Letter was an offence of a very presumptuous, dangerous nature, but as it was done in a public company, it appears rather to have proceeded from curiosity than any criminal intention, and as he appears from his petition, which is confirmed by the information of John Banister and Bolling Starke, Esq'rs, to be sensible of his error and sincerely contrite for his offence, the comm'ee are inclined to pass it over, upon his entering into security in the sum of five hundred pounds, to the Comm'ee of Dinwiddie, for his good behaviour.

The Comm'ee adjourned 'til to-morrow, being dissolved by the adjournment of Convention. This constitutes the — of their proceedings.

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May 16,
Council
office

SAM'L COLEMAN'S REPORT ON SCOUTS' CLAIMS SENT TO SECRETARY OF WAR.

The enclosed papers intended to establish claim for the pay of six scouts, ordered into service by the County Lieutenant of Randolph for the year 1790, go fully to their object, but the Executive of Virginia not having authorized any defence for the Northwestern frontier for the time therein mentioned, have uniformly declined any adjustment of the claims for service then rendered. The mode prescribed by the General Government for the settlement of such claims was an application to the then commanding officer of the Western army.

I have, &c.,

May 18,
Alexandria

R. WEST TO THE GOVERNOR.

I wrote to you shortly after the receipt of your letter in answer to one I had previously addressed to you, relatively to certain difficulties I met with as escheator of Fairfax county. Owing I presume to some accident, the letter never fell into your hands. I will therefore beg leave to renew the subject of it, and request the favour of an answer as soon thereafter as convenient. In the opinion that Mr. Marshall gave upon my first letter, it appears to me to be founded upon a wrong construction of my meaning: at least it was different from what I intended.

I there stated that the finding of the Jury was returned by me to the District Court, but that notwithstanding I thought the Commonwealth was entitled to the escheat, altho' they found against it. The Jury, I believe, was regularly constituted, and they found against the Com'w'th, which finding was returned to the Court, as by law I was directed to do. I now ask whether I can or ought to proceed further, after what I wrote you in the first letter.

I am, &c.

A muster roll of six Scouts called into service pursuant to instructions of the Executive of Virginia for the protection of Randolph County for the year 1790:

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No.	Names.	When Entered.	Age.	Size.	Nation.	Where Employed.
		1790.	Years.	Feet. In.		
1	Valentine Stalnaker..	March 1..	30	5 9	Virginia..	Randolph Co.
2	Phinehas Wells.....	Do. Do..	30	5 9	N. York...	Do. Do.
3	Jas. Stewart Elliott.....	Do. Do..	22	5 10	Virginia..	Do. Do.
4	Jas. Westfall.....	Do. Do..	22	5 11	Virginia..	Do. Do.
5	Jacob Pryor.....	Do. Do..	23	6	Virginia..	Do. Do.
6	Jas. Schoolcraft.....	Do. Do..	20	5 8	Virginia..	Do. Do.

Virginia—to-wit:

In pursuance of the ninety-sixth section of the act of the General Assembly, "Establishing District Courts and for regulating the General Court," I do, with the advice of Council, hereby appoint Charles Moss, gentleman, Public Jailor for the District of Norfolk, Isle of Wight, Princess Anne, Nansemond, and Southampton.

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Given under my hand as Governor, at Richmond, this — day of February, 1789.

BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

ARTHUR CAMPBELL TO THE GOVERNOR.

As my statements dated in March and April last, of danger apprehended from the Indians on the frontiers of Lee and Russell, may have had an influence with the Execution to order out Scouts, I conceive it now to be my duty to give further information that the public may not incur unnecessary expense.

May 22,
Lee County

When I wrote, it was believed by everyone that the Indians were approaching to do mischief; it has been since discovered that the author of these alarms, was of the infamous combination that shortly afterwards murdered M. Turbuff. We are assured by one of the agents in the Cherokee country, that no Indians has been on our frontier this Spring. One reason assigned for the pacific temper towards us is, that a difference has taken place between the Cherokees and Chickasaws, so much so that blood has been shed—another restraint may be that the Cherokees wish first to receive their annual donation from the United States, which probably now cannot be delivered before next August.

The intended treaty North-west of the Ohio will have an influence with the Southern Indians. No people are more fond of such meetings, and there is no doubt if there is not public Deputy's at Greenville in June next from the Creeks and Cherokees, there will be envoys from different

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Towns to act the part of spys. Old men are generally chosen to act as ambassadors for peace—Young vindictive warriors as Runners or spys.

While we are watchful lest the Indians should inroach upon us, our complaints would be made with an ill grace, were we to countenance conduct in our own citizens worse than the injuries we complain of.

It is with no small regret, I mention that a number of the inhabitants of this county, has lately passed the boundary established by the treaty of Holstein, and are making settlements South-west of the Cumberland Gap. These people made the attempt last fall, but were checked by the threats of the Superintendent and moved off. They are lately gone with increased numbers, and talk of resisting all authority that may attempt to remove them.

Before I close this letter, I can not refrain mentioning to your Excellency a late atrocious attack made by one Berry, a Sheriff in the South-western Territory on a citizen of Virginia.

One of those unfortunate and perhaps depraved men who are now in Jail on suspicion of being an accessory to the murder of M. Turbuff, left behind him a sickly wife and eight small children in indigent circumstances. The unfeeling Sheriff of Hawkins county, took his opportunity to pass our boundary (Walker's line) and violently carry off the few cattle the woman had to give milk to her children, for meat they had none, and of bread very little, on pretence of some old claim of fees. The neighbors say the claim is unjust; be that as it may, surely a citizen of Virginia has a right to a hearing; has a right to a civil process, being first sworn by one of her own officers, before he is mulet to his ruin.

It seems strange why congress, without any substantial reason, should so long delay ratifying the boundary agreed on between our State and that of North Carolina. A number of less striking inconveniencies are frequently taking place both in Washington and Lee, both in execution of the Militia Law, and the serving of civil process.

Men frequently injured and without hope of redress, may resist and a commotion be the consequence.

I am, &c.,

A muster roll of six Scouts called into service pursuant to instructions of the Executive of Virginia for the Protection of Randolph County, in Virginia, in the year 1790:

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No.	Names.	When Dis- charged.	Age.	Size.	Nation.	Where Employed.
		1790.		Feet. In.		
1	Valentine Stalnaker....	April 30..	30	5 9	Virginia..	Randolph Co.
2	Phineas Wells	do. 30..	30	5 9	N. York..	Do. Do.
3	Jas. Stewart Elliott.....	do. 30..	22	5 10	Virginia..	Do. Do.
4	Jas. Westfall.....	do. 30..	22	5 11	Virginia..	Do. Do.
5	Jacob Rager.....	do. 30..	23	6	Virginia..	Do. Do.
6	Jas. Schoolcraft.....	do. 30..	20	5 8	Virginia..	Do. Do.

Randolph County:

This day Jacob Westfall, county Lieutenant for said county, came before me, William Wilson, a Justice of the peace for the county afore-said, and made oath that he mustered the scouts as named and described in the within muster roll.

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Given under my hand this 28th day of November, 1793.

WILLIAM WILSON.

A pay abstract for 6 Scouts employed for the defence of Randolph County as per instructions of the Executive of Virginia:

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No.	Men's Names.	When Entered.	When Dis- charged.	No. of Days in Ser.	Wages Per Day.	Amount of Pay.
		1790.	1790.			
1	Valentine Stalnaker....	Mar. 1.....	April 30..	61	5s	£15.5.0
2	Phenehas Wells.....	" 1.....	" 30..	61	5s.	15.5.0
3	Jas. Stewart Elliott....	" 1.....	" 30..	61	5s.	15.5.0
4	Jas. Westfall.....	" 1.....	" 30..	61	5s.	15.5.0
5	Jacob Reger.....	" 1.....	" 30..	61	5s.	15.5.0
6	Jas. Schoolcraft.....	" 1.....	" 30..	61	5s.	15.5.0
						£91.10.0

I do hereby certify that the above service was duly executed by my orders. Given under my hand this 28th day of November, 1793.

JACOB WESTFALL, C. L.

Jacob Westfall was the County Lieutenant of Randolph county, in the State of Virginia, in the beginning of the year 1790, and the proper officer to decide upon the defence of said county.

Richmond, May 18th, 1795.

Attest:

SAM. COLEMAN, A. C. C.

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Randolph County, Virginia:

This day came Edward Jackson, late Colonel of said county, before me, William Wilson, one of the Justices of the county aforesaid, and made oath that the within mentioned Valentine Stalnaker, Phenehas Wells, Jas. Stewart Elliott, Jas. Westfall, Jacob Reger, Jas. Schoolcraft, were called into service by the advice of a council of the field and commissioned officers of said county of Randolph, held some time in February, 1790; that they were under the direction of the County Lieutenant, and that he verily believes they served the full term of time mentioned in the within abstract faithfully and truly.

Given under my hand this 27th day of April, 1795.

WILLIAM WILSON.

At a Council held at the Court-House of the county of Randolph on the first Tuesday after the fourth Monday in February, 1790, for the purpose of contemplating on the present dangerous circumstances of this said county, consisting of Jacob Westfall, County Lieutenant; Cornelius Bogard, Colonel; Edward Jackson, Colonel; John Wilson, Major; Jas. Westfall, Peter Cassity, and William Wilson, Captains; and Jacob Kittle and Matthew Whitman, Lieutenants:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that it will be expedient for the present defence and safety of this county that six scouts should be admitted to range.

Resolved, That Valentine Stalnaker, Phinehas Wells, John Elliott, Jas. Westfall, Jacob Reger, and Jas. Schoolcraft be appointed scouts to serve three months, commencing from the first of March next; and that the scouts serve on the principles of drawing no pay from this order of their appointment except it be allowed them from the Treasury of Virginia or the United States, and that they be considered as volunteers and this Board under no obligations in consequence of this resolution.

Resolved, That the said scouts, before they enter into service, go before some Justice of the Peace and make oath that they will truly, faithfully, and diligently serve as scouts.

JACOB WESTFALL,

President of the Council.

I, John Wilson, Clerk of the Court-Martial and of the present Board of Officers, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy.

JOHN WILSON.

At a Court held for the county of Randolph, in the State of Virginia, the 24th day of June, 1793:

Ordered on motion, that it be certified to the Secretary of War that

Jacob Westfall, County Lieutenant of this county, was legally invested with the authority of County Lieutenant by commission under the hand and seal of the Governor of Virginia, bearing date the 28th day of May, 1787, to the due and faithful execution of which office he, the said Jacob Westfall, was legally qualified at a Court held for the county of Randolph on the 28th day of August, 1787, and that he continued to act in that office until some time in the month of October last past, at which time he removed to the State of Kentucky, about five hundred and fifty miles distant from this place, and that the said Colonel Westfall called into actual service six scouts in the year 1790.

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A copy—Teste:

JACOB WESTFALL, C. R. C.

I, Jacob Westfall, Clerk of the Court of the county of Randolph, do hereby certify that there is not now, nor ever heretofore hath been, any seal provided for the county of Randolph.

Teste:

JACOB WESTFALL, C. R. C.

I, Cornelius Bogard, presiding Magistrate of the county of Randolph, do hereby certify that the above certificate of Jacob Westfall, Clerk of the Court of said county, and his attestation thereto is in due form.

Given under my hand this 25th day of June, 1793.

CORNELIUS BOGARD.

The foregoing documents, contained in five pages, are copies of originals forwarded to Colonel Steele, at Philadelphia, May 20th, 1795.

Attest:

SAM COLEMAN, A. C. C.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA—A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, from information to be relied on, it appears that the Yellow Fever has spread its baneful contagion so generally over the whole West India Islands, as to excite just ground of apprehension that, without much caution, the disease may be brought into this Commonwealth by vessels arriving from the said West India Islands, including the Bahamas and Bermuda, or from the port of New Orleans, on the Mississippi, or those situated on the Spanish Main: I have thought proper, by and with the advice of Council, to call upon the superintendents of quarantine of

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the different ports of entry and delivery of this Commonwealth to use every exertion on their parts to prevent the introduction of so great a calamity among the good people of this State. To effect which they are hereby particularly enjoined to demand of all the masters of vessels coming from any one of the West India Islands, or ports, the requisite declaration of the state of health of their respective crews, &c., according to the law in that case made and provided. And if the result of such inquiry shall satisfy the superintendent that the public safety requires of any such vessel the performance of quarantine, he is hereby required to see that the same be done and made at the anchorage ground off Craney Island for the space of 20 days. And I do hereby most strictly enjoin and require that until such vessels shall be discharged from their quarantine, all persons coming or goods imported therein, come not on shore or go on board any other vessel, or be landed or put on board any other vessel whatsoever within this Commonwealth. And moreover, that no person or persons go on board any vessels ordered to perform quarantine in pursuance hereof, without permission first had and obtained (in writing) from Thomas Newton, Esq'r, in the Borough of Norfolk, who is hereby authorized and empowered to see such quarantine performed, and to procure a proper boat and crew to obtain the most early and accurate information of the situation of all vessels coming within the Chesapeake, with an intention of entering any of the ports, rivers, or harbors within the jurisdiction of this State. And all Pilots are hereby required and enjoined to give notice unto the above-named superintendent, of the arrival of all vessels from any of the aforesaid Islands or ports, and are inhibited from conducting the same into any of the ports of this State until due examination is made as aforesaid.

Given under my hand as Governor, and under the seal of the Commonwealth, at Richmond, this twenty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and of the Commonwealth the nineteenth.

[SEAL.]

ROBERT BROOKE.

THOS. NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

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Norfolk

Three French ships arrived here last night from Gaudalupe. There was five in the fleet, but met with the Thetis and another British ship off our coast, who captured two of them after a severe action.

The Continental troops leave this on Wednesday next, and only a Sergeant's guard is to remain at one of the Forts. I really consider our situation critical, having so many seamen and French negroes among us, and our militia unarmed. A place of so great resort of shipping, in my opinion, should never be without a garrison of 100 men, with

an experienced officer commanding. We now lay at the mercy of any sudden invader; neither of the forts are finished, and the guns may be spiked by a very small force, as it will be impossible for only a sergeant's guard effectually to take care of both Forts. This movement will compel me to keep a boat as a look out, which will cost 5 dollars a day; had the garrison remained the boat would have been discharged. Col. Walke will deliver this to your Excellency; to him I beg leave to refer as to our situation, and am,

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Yours, &c.

RO. QUARLES TO THE GOVERNOR.

In conformity to your instructions I proceeded yesterday to Let the contractor's office for the Supply of Rations at the arsenal for the ensuing year. It was taken by Mr. Wm. Weaver at 6½d. per Ration and 3d. per gill for spirits.

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Point of Fork

It has been customary with the Honorable, the Executive, heretofore to make some small advance in cash to the Contractors when first commencing their office, in order to enable them to discharge with punctuality the duties thereof. I will therefore take the liberty of suggesting the necessity of advancing on the present occasion about one hundred dollars.

You will do me the favour to express your opinion on this subject, and if the advance required meets with your approbation, I will notify the contractor therewith, and forward him to Richmond to receive the money.

I am, &c.

THOS. NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

I received your Exc's letter inclosing the proclamations, which are promulgated. Some of the vessels have arrived in port ten days, whose crews are healthy, and think hard of lying ten days more, as I wrote your Excellency that I should confine them to 20 days from leaving their last ports. I shall not dispense with it unless with your leave, and in many cases I think it may be safely done.

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Norfolk

I have misplaced your Excellency's letter with the petition of Moreland and the other Seamen; if not too troublesome, I shall be glad of a copy in case of any ships coming I may demand the men.

A vessel from Bermuda reports that some of Adm'l Murray's Squadron are there.

I am, &c.

DANIEL BEDINGER TO THE GOVERNOR.

1795.
May 26
Norfolk

Replying to charges against him made by George Hammond, British Minister, in a letter to the Secretary of State in regard to the manner in which the deposition of Thomas Butler, a pilot, was obtained. Also inclosing several affidavits:

No. 1.

I do hereby certify that on the 28th ultimo. I accompanied John Cowper and Daniel Bedinger, Esq's, on board the British Frigate Hussar, on business of a public nature, and that among many other things, Captain Cochrane hinted to Mr. Bedinger that he (Cochrane,) had taken a declaration from Butler the Pilot, which contradicted a deposition which it seems Butler have given before Mr. Bedinger—That the latter gentlemen pressed Captain Cochrane to explain himself fully, which however he did not comply with, but only said that Butler denied the principal part of said Deposition, and had been forced to give it. Mr. Bedinger then requested that Butler might be confronted with him, (as the said Butler was at that time on board the Thetis, Captain Cochrane's ship, which lay very near the Hussar): this Captain Cochrane refused to do, and finally that Mr. Bedinger demanded it as an act of Justice, which he thought he had a right to expect from Captain Cochrane but without effect.

Given under my hand this 25th day of May, 1795.

JOHN LURTY.

This day Captain John Lurty, Commander of the Revenue Cutter, the Virginia, appeared before me, and made oath to the truth of the foregoing certificate.

THOMAS NEWTON.

Norfolk Borough, May 25th, 1795.

No. 2.

Personally appeared before me Thomas Newton as alderman of this Borough, Robert Borland, and voluntarily, without compulsion, made oath that he was on board the British ship of war Thetis, Captain Cochrane, some time in April last, when Captain Cochrane asked the Deponent to go into the eating room and witness a paper, said to be a declaration of the Pilots relative to some ship being taken, as the Pilot could not read or write. A paper was produced, but no pilot was present, nor did the deponent see any mark as he recollects to the paper, neither was Captain Cochrane present, nor was the contents read of the declaration, the deponent did not conceive that the paper was any consequence, and only a matter of form, and signed it as required by Captain Cochrane.

ROBERT BORLAND,
Norfolk.

No. 3.

Daniel Bedinger, Esquire, having furnished me with an Extract of a paper said to be the Declaration of Thos. Butler, Pilot, taken on board the British Frigate Thetis, on the 23rd of April last, stating that the Mayor of the Town also spoke to him on the same subject* and said, "we must have you before us to take your deposition." I do hereby declare that the transaction alluded to in that declaration, was never known to me until mentioned by Mr. Bedinger, and that so far from my speaking, Butler, I do not recollect, nor do I believe ever spoke to Butler upon that or any other subject but once in my life, and that was when he piloted the French Republic's ship the Concord.

1795.
May 26

Witness my hand this 22nd of May, 1795.

JAMES RAMSAY,
Mayor of Norfolk Borough.

Sworn to before me 23rd May, 1795.

JAS. TAYLOR.

* P. S.—This subject was the obtaining Butler's deposition respecting the capture of the ships Harmony and Lesperence.

J. R.

A true copy—Attest:

SAM. COLEMAN, A. C. C.

ANONYMOUS—NO ADDRESS.

In October last came to Urbanna from South Carolina a man who formerly lived in this State, called French Peter alias Peter Marshall, was in the militia service, and is (I believe it can be proved) a citizen of the United States. He brought with him a good deal of specie and some gold in Ingots. He there said he had been fortunate in privateering, from which source his money probably was derived.

May 27

He purchased in Nov. of Mr. Jonathan Denison, of Urbanna, a schooner called the Delight, and went up the river and got a new register from Mr. Muse's office and then went around to Kingston and fitted her up in the best manner. After this he proceeded to Baltimore, whether to fit her out in a war-like manner or not I cannot affirm.

He is now in Severn River in a fine privateer, as Captain Addison Lewis informed the writer last week in conversation (he knew Marshall formerly in the militia), and he said moreover Marshall told him he had been successful in privateering and had taken 32 prizes. It is supposed that vessel, tho' differently rigged, is the schooner he purchased of Denison, and that he, a citizen of the U. S., is, contrary to the Laws, under a

1795. French commission, acting ag't the powers towards whom it is the present policy of America to observe the strictest neutrality.
 May 27. Mr. Christopher Garland and other persons in Gloster, I apprehend, can prove his citizenship.

JOHN STEELE TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 28, Yours of the 22nd inst., and one of a former date enclosed rolls of
 Philadelphia Scouts, has been received.

Pryor's account has been suspended for the present, tho' not finally rejected. The account of General Tate has also been suspended until it can be rendered more specifically.

Two or three small accounts have been rejected, and I will make another effort with your letter to aid me.

The account is now copying, and on Saturday will pass thro' the accountant's office. Little time will then be wanting to obtain the Drafts. By having recourse to some papers formerly settled, I was enabled to establish our claim for the 10 cents p'r ration allowed Mr. Pryor.

With very great respect, I have, &c.

W. TATE TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 28, Your letter of March last came safe to hand, requiring me to send
 Washington Scouts on the frontiers of my district if it was thought necessary. Also a duplicate to the same effect, which was immediately carried into execution.

The Scouts were mustered on the 5th instant, viz: four in the county of Lee by Major Neil, four in the county of Russell by Colo. Cowan, and the same number in the county of Wythe by Major Maxwell. They were made responsible to the officers already mentioned, and am informed do their duty punctually.

I have taken the liberty to order small detachments of militia on the frontiers, to be held in readiness to march if the approach of the Indians should be discovered.

A number of our hearty backwoods boys have voluntarily offered their service on this occasion, which made a draft unnecessary.

The people of the frontiers are generally pleased with the plan of defence, and no signs of Indians have as yet been discovered by the Scouts that I have heard of.

The officers and soldiers in service last year are anxious about their money. If they are to receive it this year through my hands, I shall do

myself the honor to pay you a visit when I get notice for that purpose. 1795.
At all events, I have hopes to see my old friends at the meeting of the May 28,
General Assembly. Washington

I have the honor to be with much personal respect and esteem,

Yours, &c.

P. S.—Mr. Tebuff, a French gentleman, and part of his family, who lived in Russell county, were lately murdered by a set of rascals, supposed for his money, three of whom are now in the public goal of this district.

For particulars I refer you to the bearer, Mr. Carson.

JACOB RINKER TO JAS. WOOD, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

I recollect reading in the Journals of the House of Delegates of their sessions, either in the year 1782, '83, '84 or '85, where Denny Fairfax petitioned the General Assembly of Virginia, for a compensation for the Northern Neck, confessing that he could not inherit (as being an alien), and the General Assembly then took his case into consideration and did what they thought was right. May 31,
Richmond

Query: Was not the General Assembly of Virginia competent to determine on his case (which I believe they did at that time). Why is the matter brought on again before another tribunal? I took the liberty of mentioning this to you, thinking that if the said Journals were referred to, it might perhaps throw some light on the very important question which is to be argued before the Federal Court this week, for on the decision of this question, in a great measure, depends the welfare or confusion and destruction of the Northern Neck of Virginia, notwithstanding some think but light of it.

I am, &c.

SAM. COLEMAN TO CAPT. CARUTHERS.

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that an order of Council has been made directing 72 stand of the Public Arms at the Point of Fork to be delivered to you or your order, upon your transmitting to the Governor an obligation, with General Bowyer as security, that the said arms shall be returned in the like good order that you receive them, when called for, or that you will pay their value to the Commonwealth in case they should not be so returned. June 2,
Richmond

I am, sir, your obed't servant.

W. PRICE TO GOVERNOR BROOKE.

1795.
June 2,
Land Office

The slight and unsafe manner in which the Doors and windows of this Office are constructed occasions much risque in the keeping of a great increase of money which passes thro' my hands as Register, for which reason I hope the Honorable the Executive will instruct the Directors of the Public Buildings to have the Office secured similar to the Treasury.

I have the honor to be, sir, your most obed't servant.

HENRY BANKS TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 4,
Richmond

Being applied to yesterday by an Honorable member of the Board to give information respecting a suit—Hunter Banks & Co. against Mr. Jefferson and others—I do now, in obedience to his request, give the information.

The suit is founded on a claim for some vessels which belonged to Hunter Banks, which were taken into public service, and while in service were captured. Mr. Cunningham's vessel, the Wilks, was among the vessels which were in this predicament; he has prosecuted his claim to effect, and has been paid. My intention was rather to have pressed Congress, but in that I was delayed by the absence of Major Claiborne, who at the impressment was Quartermaster for the State; but he has lately returned from Loudon, and nothing has been done, but as the evil flowed from the instrumentality of the State officers, the claim upon the State was more direct, and hence the persons who were the immediate agents have been resorted to.

I do not suppose it necessary that I should here enter into the whole subject. The tale would be long, yet I will most readily do so, provided it will be taken up and considered by the Executive, or if this should be specially delegated to one or more of their own body. I am disposed to have a fair and candid inquiry into the whole subject, which I could better do verbally than by Letter, and if it could be done before all the members, it would be more satisfactory to myself—more explanatory to the Board; and to incline the Board more to this, I am disposed at this time to invest a greater part of the whole claim in Land Warrants, and perhaps the whole. This I have mentioned that the accommodation so favorable to the State may induce the Honorable Board to have the subject investigated.

I have, &c.

JOHN CLARKE TO THE GOVERNOR.

I had a sale of three tracts of land in Patrick County, the property of James Lyon, late Sheriff of Henry, on the 29th of last month. My assistant, who attended the sale, found that they would not sell for hardly anything Except he forced the sale, and in so doing one of said Tracts fell on our hands at the price of nine pounds in Certificate. It was valued to forty pounds by the Commissioners.

1795.
June 5

I now wait your instructions (by the bearer) how I am to proceed.

Notwithstanding the many obstructions within my district, I am in hopes the balances will be recovered.

I am, &c.

WM. LOWTHER TO THE GOVERNOR.

The payment of the money due the Scouts and Rangers for the years 1793 and 1794 has been so long retarded that they are become very impatient. Many, depending upon punctual payments on the part of Government, have incurred debts, for which they are daily threatened to be harrassed, and indeed some have been sued. And what adds to their disappointment and mortification is, that they have been frequently flattered to expect it in a very short time.

June 7,
Clarksburg,
Harrison Co.

Permit me to entreat your Excellency to use your influence to forward it as speedily as possible, more especially to this county, as partial payments have been made to every other in the district, but not a farthing for either year has come to this. The necessary papers, and, as I understand, in due form, have long since been transmitted.

Should you think it expedient to forward the money by any other person than the paymaster, as I am informed one has been appointed, I could mention none other better qualified than the bearer, Capt. Haymond.

You will confer on me a singular favor if you would be so good as to inform me at least, by Capt. Haymond, at what period we may with certainty look for it.

I am under the necessity of begging your indulgence a few weeks longer for a compliance with the order of Council of the 2nd March, 1795. The extensiveness of the bounds of my Regiment, and the differred situation of the officers, have put it out of my power fully to effect it as yet, altho' I have made several attempts. - But I flatter myself I shall compleat the business shortly.

I have, &c.

JOHN STEELE TO THE GOVERNOR.

1795.
June 8,
Philad'a

I now have the pleasure of announcing to you a close of the account so far as the vouchers have been rendered and admitted, and that the ballance due to the State under the laws of the United States is seventy-eight thousand six hundred and odd dollars. Fifty thousand dollars will be paid immediately, in the following manner, viz: 10,000 dollars in this place; a draft on the Collector at Alexandria for \$14,000, one on Tappahannock for \$3,000, and the remainder in Richmond and Norfolk. The three first sums I will bring with me, provided I can readily negotiate in Fredericksburg the bill on Tappahannock, and have also a prospect of obtaining from three to five hundred dollars in five cent pieces. As soon as the Secretary is advised that the collectors in Virginia are in possession of so much (after paying the present drafts), he will take measures for discharging the ballance.

I had hopes of setting out to-morrow, but am too much indisposed to do anything to-day. You may rest assured I will exert myself to come on with all possible dispatch.

With great respect, I have, &c.,

THOMAS NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 9,
Norfolk

Your Exc'y's favors I received, and am sorry I cannot obtain the information you required of the vessels which have been taken by the British Ships on our Coasts. It is generally believed the Thetis and Hussar Frigates captured the two French Ships. The former, it is well known, repaired here, and the latter has been in and out of our Capes from the reports I have had for some time. I shall still endeavor to get information. I will transmit it without delay when obtained. I know of no vessel at present belonging to this port, except the Maria, owned by Mr. Pennock, being taken by Admiral Murray's squadron, and she was captured under the convoy of the Concord on their first arrival. Most of the vessels were from the Northern States, which were taken loaded here on freight.

The Commission for Mr. Reynold is right, and beg it may be sent. Mr. Page has removed from this same time.

Two days ago arrived here from Dominick a vessel with 19 white French citizens and 26 negroes, which they claim as domestic servants, and have sworn that they do not intend to remain here. The vessel being out of my jurisdiction, I informed a county justice thereof, who did his duty as I conceived, but we have doubts that as travellers they have a right to their servants; but under a sanction like this, if 100

whites come in, 200 blacks may attend them. I should be glad of your opinion on this subject.

I have hopes the General Government will give us some force in our exposed situation, for we have too many of the blacks from the Islands among us. I have heard that there is a Murray's Squad. at Bermuda and New York. Some Frigates cruizing off our capes. We have news of the French having got footing in Ireland and of great slaughter in the W. Indies. I keep the look-out boat daily cruizing.

I am, &c.

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June 9,
Norfolk

THOS. NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

I wrote you yesterday, since which a vessel arrived—the Sloop Industry, Elisha Baker, Master—who brought one man and two negro women slaves from Boston; as he was bound to Richmond have desired him to call on your Exc'y for information. He pleads ignorance of the Law, and unless some mode of promulgating it in the Islands and Northern States is fallen on, it will be constantly the plea. The expenses of an individual to publish and attend to these matters are such that it cannot be done without injustice to himself. My time is almost wholly taken up with public affairs, to the great neglect of my private business. It is my wish to serve my country, and I will so long as I can without sacrificing two much.

June 11

The 26 Negroes I mentioned are landed here, and those brought by Capt. Baker he has taken to your place; he calls them domestics of gentlemen coming on by land from Boston. The determination on this case will fix a rule to proceed by hereafter, and I hope the State will direct the Attorney for the District to prosecute for any evasion of the Law. I have paid Clerk's fees, &c., for this business of prosecution, and am abused that I cannot longer stand it. I expected to have had the pleasure of seeing you here before this, that your Exc'y might see many difficulties we are under as a Seaport—the constant resort of Foreigners. We now have six French Ships with a number of negroes on board, three of which arrived lately from the W. Indies. The others have not many, but I expect they will be troublesome, as they are lately freed, and our own negroes are very impertinent, as I believe is generally the case throughout the State. Inclosed is an affidavit of one of the French.

I am, respectfully, &c.

Whereas, William Fedell hath hist day made oath before me, one of the Aldermen of the Borough of Norfolk, that he is a transient person and not a citizen of the United States of America, and that his present removal into the State of Virginia, was with no intent of evading a cer-

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June 11

tain Act of Assembly passed in the year 1792, for preventing the further importation of slaves, (and that he has not brought with him any slaves in the sloop Greyhound of Boston, whereof James Parsons is master, now riding at anchor in the port of Norfolk,) with an intention of selling them and that his only motion for bringing slaves into this Commonwealth is for domestics and necessary attendance, and to carry them out again.

Sworn to before me this 9th day of June, 1795.

SAM'L MOSELEY.

Inclosed is the treaty between France and Prussia, which came by a vessel in 48 hours from New York. Several vessels are arrived from the West Indies but no news, they are all well and most of them bring negroes, which are not permitted to land here, but immediately shipped except in the case I before recited to you. All since are to be sent off.

I am, &c.,

TIMOTHY PICKERING TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 13,
War Office

The application to this office for patents for bounty lands surveyed on the Northwest side of the Ohio, for officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on Continental establishment, or their heirs or assigns, oblige me to trouble you with a short detail of the proceedings here on the subject, and of the difficulties which still oppose the execution of the Laws of Congress passed the 10th of August, 1790, and the 9th of June, 1794, providing for the issuing of such patents.

In consequence of the first law, the Secretary of War on the 15th of September, 1790, transmitted to the Governor of Virginia, a list of the officers and soldiers of the line of that State on continental establishment, and of the quantity of land they were entitled to, by the Acts of Congress instead of the Laws of Virginia.

This mistake was noticed by Governor Lee in his letter of December the 19th, 1791, who at the same time requested the return directed in the second section of the Act of Congress of the 10th of August, 1790. After the receipt of this letter, the Secretary of War on the 9th of January, 1792, informed the Governor of Virginia, that the muster roll and returns in the war office were defective; that the United States promised lands only to soldiers enlisted during the war; but that Virginia appeared to have extended her bounty to soldiers engaged for more limited periods; and therefore requested the Governor to furnish the authentic documents in the public office in that State, which would exhibit the names of the persons on continental establishment entitled by the laws of Virginia to the lands in question. To this letter no answer appears to have been received.

The following observations will show what steps are to be taken previous to the issuing of patents and why they have hitherto been denied.

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June 13,
War Office

1. The act of the 9th of June, 1794, requires that besides the (land) warrant, or a certified copy thereof, there should be produced to the Secretary of War "*a certificate under the seal of the office where the warrants are legally kept; that the same, or a part thereof, remains unsatisfied.*"

2. There must be produced "*a survey, agreeable to the laws of Virginia, for the tract or tracts to which the applicant is entitled.*"

3. The Secretary of War must endorse upon each patent before the seal of the United States is affixed to it, "*that the grantee therein named or the person under whom he claims, was originally entitled to such bounty lands.*"

4. Several warrants, or certified copies thereof, accompanied with surveys, have been produced to the War office for the purpose of obtaining patents, and Colo. Anderson, who is *supposed* to be the proper officer, has certified that the same warrants, or parts thereof, remained unsatisfied; *but this certificate was not under the seal of his office.*

5. Because the Muster Rolls and Returns in the War office are defective, the Secretary of War cannot certify on the back of the patents that the grantees, or those under whom they claim, were originally entitled to such bounty lands.

6. To supply the defect mentioned in the fourth observation, I have proposed that Colo. Anderson should provide himself with an *official seal*, and that he affix the same to all the Certificates he shall give in future of warrants wholly or in part unsatisfied; 2ndly, that if he can ascertain the certificates which has already given, he should make a list thereof, describing the warrants on which they were endorsed, and to this general list subjoin a certificate applying to the whole and affix his official seal thereto; or 3rdly, and which would be more in *order*, tho' more laborious, make out copies of all the warrants on which he has already given such certificates, and on each make a new certificate under his official seal.

Of the Executive of Virginia the Secretary of War is obliged to request—

1. A Certificate where the land warrants in question are legally kept, and of the name of the officer authorized to give the certificates, that the same, or any parts thereof, remain unsatisfied.

2. Authentic lists of the officers, non-commissioned, and soldiers of her line on Continental establishment, who by her laws are entitled to bounty lands, the lists to specify *the ranks, the times of service, and the quantity of Land to which each individual was entitled.*

The various requisites now mentioned, it is hoped, may before a long time be obtained. There is a fair prospect of peace with the Indians

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June 13,
War Office

Northward of the Ohio, and as soon as that event takes place the persons interested will be importunate in their applications for patents.

With great respect, I am, &c.

June 15 At a Court held for Prince Edward county June 15th, 1795, present: Thomas Scott, Peter Le Grand, John Morton, Thomas Flournoy, William Wooton, Richard Foster, Samuel W. Venable, Richard Bibb, James Morton, John Pennall, and Robert Kelso, Gentlemen Justices.

Ordered, that it be certified his Excellency, the Governor, that John Nash, jun'r, Thos. Haskins, Charles Venable, and John Clarke have declined acting in the office of a Magistrate; that William Bibb hath removed from this State, and Benj'n Haskins from this county; Joseph Moore, James Allen, sen'r, and John Fontaine have departed this life, and that Thomas Gibson and John L. Crute refuse to qualify to the Commission of the Peace.

A copy—Teste:

F. WATKINS, C. C.

June 15 At a Court held for Prince Edward, June 15th, 1795, present: Thomas Scott, Peter Le Grand, John Morton, Thomas Flournoy, William Wooton, Richard Foster, Samuel W. Venable, Richard Bibb, James Morton, John Purnall, and Robert Kelso, Gentlemen Justices—

Archer Allen, Samuel Carter, Charles Scott, John Booker, Alexander Marshall, Samuel Baldwin, Gentlemen, are recommended to his Excellency, the Governor, to be added to the Commission of the Peace for this county.

A copy—Teste:

F. WATKINS, C. C.

THOS. NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 21,
Norfolk

Inclosed your excellency will receive the deposition of Francis Marschal relative to two brigs taken off our coasts by a Bermudian privateer. I have not heard of British men-of-war lately. We have had no arrivals within this week, but one from Tobago. The crew all well.

I am, &c.

I, Francis Marschalk, late master of the Brig Washington, of New York, do solemnly swear that I was a passenger on board the Brig Betsy, William Bass master, bound to Philadelphia from Bordeaux; that the

said Brig sailed from the latter place on the 2nd day of May last; that she was the property of William Penrose, of Philadelphia, and was laden with wines for and on account of the said Penrose, as I was informed by Capt. Bass, and as appeared by the bills of lading and other papers which Capt. Bass gave me the perusal of; that I have no reason to suppose any part of the said property belonged to persons other than citizens of the United States. That on Monday last, the 15th instant (being then about 45 miles E. by North from Cape Henlopen, in 28 fathoms water), the said Brig Betsey was captured, together with the Brig Molly, Capt. Messard, of Philadelphia, by a schooner privateer belonging to Bermuda, commanded by Capt. Hutchings, mounting six guns; that the said Brigs were ordered for Bermuda. That shortly afterwards they fell in with and spoke the sloop Greenwich, Capt. Edwards, from Rhode Island bound to Norfolk, on board of which vessel I was put, and in her arrival at this place on Thursday last.

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June 21,
Norfolk

Given under my hand at Norfolk this 20th of June, 1795.

FRANCIS MARSHALK.

Norfolk Borough, to wit:

Personally appeared before us, James Ramsay, Mayor, Thomas Newton and Daniel Bedinger, Aldermen of the Borough aforesaid, Francis Marshalk, and in our presence took and subscribed to the above recited oath.

Given under our hands this 20th day of June, 1795.

JAMES RAMSAY, Mayor.

THO. NEWTON.

DANIEL BEDINGER.

JOHN CHISHOLM TO THE GOVERNOR.

I have it in charge from his Excellency the Governor of the South-western Territory, that on my arrival in this city to acquaint your Excellency with my having in care ten Indian warriors, five of each the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, on their way to Philadelphia to visit the President of the United States, to negotiate business of importance to their nations and the United States, and am directed to present them to your Excellency in case you think proper to receive them, and have the honor to wait your commands in executing my orders whenever you may think proper after this day, as they are resting and cleaning themselves after their long and fatiguing journey.

June 22,
Richmond

I have, &c.

THOS. NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

1795.
June 23,
Norfolk

The report of a British Fleet's arrival false. I have heard nothing of them and believe they are not nearer us than New York. I am called on for payment of the wages for the q'r boat men employed. Your Exc'y will oblige me by sending down about two hundred dollars for the purpose. The former boat I gave an order favor of Mr. King, the owner. We have some fears of the French negroes being troublesome, and are now inquiring into the case and will inform you the result. The negroes have the squint of freedom among them, and they are acquainted that our laws are in the favor of those who have been a year here.

There are some jealousies among the whites, which I expect may be the cause of the above business, every inquiry shall be made to get at the truth, tho. I am thoroughly satisfied that they must be sent off in some short day.

We have had no arrival these several days; therefore nothing new. Mr. James Heron will contrive the 200 dollars down to me.

I am, &c.,

JOHN STEELE TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 23,
Richmond

I have the honor of laying before you a copy of the account of the State against the United States, as stated in the War Office, with some remarks thereon. The vouchers for charges rejected and suspended.

Such papers as were found unnecessary in the establishment of the claims, and copies of such written communications as I had occasion to make relation to the public business I was engaged in, all of which are submitted for inspection and information of the Board, under a hope that my conduct will meet with their entire approbation.

Of the twenty nine thousand dollars already received, there is 18,100 in Gold, 3,300 in Crowns, and the remainder in Bank Notes of the United States and Alexandria.

The Drafts which I have payable to myself or order, I am ready to endorse over according to the direction of the Board. The ballance still remaining due from the United States, I presume may be drawn for after the end of the present Quarter.

With every sentiment of respect, I have, &c.,

W. WILSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

1795.
June 24,
Portsmouth

The inoculation of the Small pox, and the spreading of the infection of that disorder in its natural way, has made this county a mere Hospital in so much that it has prevented my making a board of Officers, pursuant to your Excellency's instructions of the 2nd of March 'til a few days past.

I now enclose for your Excellency a numerical Rank Roll of the Officers of the 7th Regiment of Norfolk County, together with the wrong numbered commissions of all officers except those whose absence or other disability prevents me from obtaining them.

I must here beg leave to trespass upon the time and patience of your Excellency, while I make a momentary remark upon the conduct of the cidevant minister of Britain, so far as his Don Quixotte attack upon me requires notice as exculpation. When he—Geo. Hammond—complains to the Secretary of State "of the illiberality of expression applied to the conduct of Lieut. Skene" in the deposition of Captain Robert Hatton, I am really at a loss to know with what propriety, (unless he is one of the descendents of the Knight above mentioned), he can apply to me the words of Capt. Hatton in his deposition. He says it "excites neither his surprise nor resentment as coming from Wilson." He will very much excite my surprise if he is in a proper state of sanity.

But perhaps he would insinuate, as he has more than once done, with other gentlemen, that the deposition of Hatton is a forgery of mine; to ward off a blow so replete with falsehood and calumny, I have taken a certificate of Mr. Samuel Shore, who was seated at the table from the beginning to the ending of the deposition.

I should feel pleasure in "exerting" myself, as the Secretary of State requires, in procuring further proof of the persons detained being actually citizens of the United States, did I conceive it would have the salutary effect in emancipating those unhappy victims, or did I not know that the most ample and unequivocal proof has been already adduced, and is now lodged in the hands of the Secretary of State, that John Underwood and John Loyd are impressed and now detained on board the British Ship Lynx, who are actually citizens of the United States as they were impressed from Capt. Hatton, who Identically knew them, and in his deposition he swears they are natives of America. Capt. Hatton is a man of reputation, and I conceive his oath is entitled to credit.

I have not as yet been able to obtain proof of any repairs being made to the Thetis in her implements of war. If it can be had it shall be transmitted.

I have the honor, &c.,

1795.
June 24,
Portsmouth

I hereby certify that at the request of Capt. Robert Hatton of the Ship Harriett, I called on Colo. Wilson to attend him, the said Hatton, (who was then under inoculation), to take his deposition of the cruel treatment he had received from a Lieutenant Skene of the British Lynx Sloop of war. Colo. Wilson was at the time I called on him just going to court, but upon my earnest request he went with me to Capt. Hatton, who in my presence delivered to Colo. Wilson the words contained in the deposition respecting the impressment of three of his men, (two of whom he declared to be natives of America,) and among other things further declared that he could not recollect one half of the ill treatment he had received from the said Skene, but concluded that his conduct betrayed the greatest malignity to the American flag, and his actions were of a piratical nature.

Given under my hand at Gosport, this 26th of June, 1795.

SAMUEL SHORE.

[Apparent error in date of Certificate.—Ed.]

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 25,
Richmond

I have the honor to enclose you a letter which I received this night from Mr. Whitaker at Williamsburg, by which you will observe that the ship which was formerly libeled and is still under prosecution as a privateer, is in a state of equipment which renders her character and purpose no longer doubtful.

The verdict of acquittal which was rendered at Williamsburg, has been set aside and the prosecution against the vessel is proceeding anew, but even if this were not the case, the present situation of the vessel and the proceedings of those who have charge of her, bring her evidently within the meaning and operation of the act of Congress for the fitting out of privateers in the ports of the United States. As an officer of the United States, therefore, it becomes my duty to communicate to your Excellency the information which I have received on this subject, that you may take such measures thereon as to you may appear proper. For myself, I cannot avoid expressing to you the indignation which I feel, knowing the circumstances of this case, in seeing an attempt to array private enterprise against the force and authority of the laws. The act of Congress invests the Executive departments of the State Government with the power of detaining vessels in such circumstances as the present, and it is with a view to this that I have the honor to submit this intelligence to your consideration.

I am, &c.

I have this moment arrived from Gloucester. Obedient to your request, I now give you such information relative to the ship Unicorn as a personal interview with Mr. Warner Lewis has enabled me to obtain.

1795.
June 26,
Williams-
burg

The ship is now in Gloucester, but expected to sail as soon as the officer returns from Norfolk, whither he had gone for recruits. In York I understood he had returned yesterday. It is, tho', highly probable she will not sail in less than eight days. She has 75 men and 16 four-pounders. Mr. Marshall, who commands, informed Mr. Lewis he had heard of the design to seize the vessel, but that any force which might be sent should most certainly be opposed; he states, also, that he means to pay no respect to the colours of any nation—that it is his intention to take Americans as well as others. There exists not a doubt, from the language he held out, but that he means to play the pirate. This circumstance, Mr. Lewis tells me, is so far impressed on the minds of some of the crew as fact, that there appears a considerable disaffection among them, particularly the mate, who has in direct terms expressed to Mr. Lewis his abhorrence of the conduct and probable designs of the Captain.

The stage is now setting out. In haste, I am, with sentiments of respect and esteem,

Yours, &c.

WM. WHITAKER.

P. S.—Sinclair continues to visit the vessel. I have no doubt but that a considerable part, if not the whole of her belongs to him. W. W.

JAMES BRECKINRIDGE TO GENERAL TATE.

I was privy to a settlement made between Gen'l Tate and Capt. Lewis for pay due his company for services done on the frontier in the year 1793, and am confident that in ascertaining and paying off the proportions due to each officer and soldier, Capt. Lewis refused receiving any part in order that the proportion to the soldiers might be the greater. June 26

I also remember that General Tate granted a certificate showing the balance due, which I once had in my possession, and may now be amongst my papers in Fincastle.

JOHN HAMILTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

I have just received information of two privateers having come down from Baltimore with an intention of proceeding to sea, and being now in the waters of this State. They are both armed and mount guns. The one a ship (supposed to be the Unicorn, built by one Sinclair, of Smith- June 26,
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field), commanded by a man called French Peter, lies in Wicomico River. The other, a brig, is in Severn River. The name of the Pilot to the latter is Elijah Marchant, of Portsmouth. I have to request that your Excellency will be pleased to take such steps as you may judge proper to prevent these vessels from sailing, they having, as I am informed, been equipped contrary to the laws of the United States.

I have, &c.

JOHN STEELE TO ROBERT GOODE, Esq'r.

June 27,
Alexandria

I arrived here this evening too late to receive payment on the Treasurer's Draft on Colo. Fitzgerald for 19,000 dollars, consequently must wait for the next return of the stage.

I received 10,000 dollars in Philadelphia, a Draft on Lindsay for 14,000, one on Col. Heth for 4,000, and one on Muse for 3,000 dollars. The last as I wrote you already, I will endeavor to negotiate in Fredericksburg, and will probably be in Richmond on Monday evening.

With great respect, &c.

THOS. NEWTON TO GOVERNOR BROOKE.

June 29,
Norfolk

We all continue well and no arrivals with any disease. We this day had a meeting of Mayor and aldermen respecting our situation with the French people of color; came to no final determination thereon, but have requested a meeting of the County Justices (as many of them are within their boundaries) that we may act in concert on the occasion. Two gentlemen arrived this morning from N. York, who bring accounts that the treaty is adopted by 25 against 5 in the senate. They left that place last Thursday.

I am, &c.

AB. PRIOR TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 29,
Richmond

I have lodged in the hands of Mr. Blair a Rec't from Mr. Cavendish of a number of orders lodged in his hands in my favor, for advances made to the officers and soldiers in the Volunteer Militia well authenticated. On the strength of their being paid, Mr. Blair has advanced me 1,000 dollars, which sum I most ardently wish might be paid to him, should I be under the necessity of waiting till the Paymaster came forward; but flatter myself that I shall meet with a more favorable decision of the

Board. That the amount of my orders will be directed agreeable to Mr. Cavendish's Rec't to be paid.

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June 29,
Richmond

I have, &c.

RO. QUARLES TO GOVERNOR BROOKE.

Inclosed you will receive the customary quarterly return of arms and other military stores at the arsenal. I have likewise as usual forwarded the pay rolls for the different characters in the employment of the State under my direction. I have deposited, at the request of the honorable Board, the contractor's bond for the due performance of his office; he now attends for the purpose of receiving the advance formerly requested.

June 30

My contractor, thro' me, wishes to represent to the honorable Board the hardship under which he labors from the sudden and to him unexpected rise of the constituent parts of a ration since he became bound to furnish the garrison at the arsenal, and solicits that the Board will take the subject into their consideration, and either make such additional allowance to him for his rations, or suffer the office to be let again.

The honorable board will do me the favor to notify me of their decision on this subject.

I am, sir, yours, &c.,

A QUARTERLY RETURN OF THE ORDNANCE AND OTHER MILITARY STORES AT THE POINT OF FORK ARSENAL, JUNE 30TH, 1795.

16-inch Mortar, 1; 6-Pounder, 1; 4-Pounder, 1; Howitzer, 1; Long Iron Pieces, 1; Muskets in complete order, 2,182; Muskets with Ruff Bayonets, 2,282; old Muskets out of order, 877; Muskets stocked since last quarter, 116; Musket Locks made since last quarter, 208; French Muskets returned from the late expedition, now cleaning and repairing, 2,508; Musket Worms, 2,939; Pickers and Bushers, 400; Screw Drivers, 132; Artillery Swords, 805; Grenadier Swords, 293; Cartridge Boxes, 6,212; barrels of Gunpowder, 7½; pigs of Lead, 40; case Shot of different sizes, from 4 to 6 pounds, 181; round Shot, 263; reams of Cartridge Paper, 30; Cannon Tubes, 436; pounds of loose Ball and Shot, 165; barrels of Flints, 18; Muskets fitted with Bayonets and Ramrods and repaired, except grinding their Bayonets, since last quarter, 95.

June 30

ROB. QUARLES, Sup't S. A.

JOHN HAMILTON TO JAMES WOOD, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

1795.
July 3,
Norfolk,
British Con-
sul's Office

By this day's post I am favored with the letter you did me the honor to write me, dated in Council the 30th ulto., and I have to express my acknowledgement for the prompt attention shown by the Executive Council to my representation of the 26th of June. I take the liberty to request, sir, that you will have the goodness to acquaint me with the result of the inquiry respecting the legality of equipment of the vessels in question.

I have, &c.

TIMOTHY PICKERING TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 3,
War Office

I have laid before the President of the United States, your letter of the 19th of last month, representing that the concourse of strangers of every description at Norfolk and the neighboring ports, under strong impressions of jealousy and enmity to each other, naturally keep the inhabitants of those places under a general anxiety for the public peace, as well as for the safety of their property, which the withdrawing of the garrisons from the forts in that country has not had a tendency to alleviate. And that in consequence thereof you have been requested to throw a small garrison of militia into those works as a cautionary step, to check the petulance and ebullition of parties, and secure the public property from some risk, which measures you suggest for the decision of the President of the United States.

I am now directed by the President to inform your Excellency, that he does not conceive himself authorized to call out the militia for the preservation of the peace of any place, *because the inhabitants entertain apprehensions that it is in danger*. If the security of public property required a guard of militia, the service of the guard would be confined to that object. Had the federal artillerists remained at Norfolk, their duty must have been equally confined. To suppress a riot, it is presumed the magistrates of Norfolk would have judged it expedient to call forth, not the *regular* troops, but the citizens, the posse of the place or county—in arms if the occasion should so require.

The power of the president to call forth the militia is limited to these objects.

1. To repel the invasion of an enemy.
2. To suppress an insurrection in any State against the government thereof, upon the application of the Legislature of such State, or of its Executive when the Legislature is not convened.
3. When the laws of the United States are opposed, or the execution thereof obstructed, by combinations too powerful to be suppressed by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings.

But even these cases of insurrection, when the President should judge it necessary to call forth the militia, the law requires that he forthwith issue a proclamation commanding such insurgents to disperse.

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July 3,
War Office

This statement founded on the law of the United States passed on the 28th of February last, demonstrates that the case exhibited by your Excellency does not fall under the cognizance of the President of the United States.

I am, &c.

LEROY EDWARDS TO GEN'L H. LEE.

The privateer ship you allude to, left Wicomico about fifteen days past. I never could find out her name, or the name of the Captain. I am informed that 10 or 15 men shipped for a bounty of 100 Dollars and 30 Dollars per month.

July 5

I was confined to my bed the whole time the ship was stationed in the River.

I have, &c.

HENRY LEE TO THE GOVERNOR.

The enclosed let'r will explain the cause of my failing in my endeavors to execute the command conveyed to me by the Lt. Governor. Not a moment was lost in my adoption of the measures necessary on the occasion, and I very much regret that offenders so daring and unprincipled should have escaped the vigilance of Gov't.

July 6

I deferred acting at all, respecting the privateer reported to have been in some of the Rivers of Gloucester, inasmuch as I learned from good authority that Brigadier Young had applied his attention to that object, in pursuance of orders received from the Executive.

One express has been employed by me; he rode forty miles, which with his return makes eighty miles. I have paid him for the service in conformity to the established usage, and have, &c.,

THOMAS WILSON AND JOHN HAYMOND TO GOVERNOR BROOKE.

In conformity to the Act of Assembly passed in the year 1792, page 66, Revised Laws, and from the distant situation of the counties of Ohio, Monongalia, Harrison, and Randolph, we request that the Laws appropriated to those counties may be conveyed to the clerks of each county at the expense of the State.

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Your attention to the above will be thankfully acknowledged by

Your obed't servants.

 ROB. BROUGH TO THE GOVERNOR.

1795.
July 6,
Richmond

There is a call on the holders of shares in the Dis'l Swamp Canal for 30 dollars on each share, to be paid the 1st instant, and if the Executive would order the payment on the 50 shares belonging to the State to be paid by an order on Major Lindsay, the collector at Norfolk, it would be very convenient to the Directors.

I have, &c.

THOS. NEWTON TO JAQUELIN AMBLER, ESQ.

July 7,
Norfolk

The State's payment of the subscription to D. S. Canal being now due (since the 1st instant), and being requested to call on you for the same, you'll much oblige by getting a order from the Executive and send it down. Mr. Heron will assist in getting it down. United S. bank notes will do, or an order on the Collector here. Probably Colo. Carrington can negotiate this sum with you for us.

I am, &c.

50 Shares at \$30 each is \$1,500.

July 7

At a Court held for Fluvanna county on Thursday, the second day of July, 1795, present: Joseph Haden, Samuel Richardson, Robert Quarles Benjamin, Dr. Wells, Michael Atkisson, and Peter H. Ware, Gentlemen Justices.

This Court doth nominate to his Excellency the Governor, John Ware. Duncan McLaughlan, and Robert Quarles, Gent., as proper persons to execute the office of Sheriff of this county; and doth represent that John Peyton, Gent., who stands in the commission of the peace as an older magistrate than Duncan McLaughlan, came into court and desired that he might not be named in the s'd nomination, urging for reason that he conceives himself entitled to the office of Sheriff.

A copy:

J. TIMBERLAKE, Cl'rk Court.

JNO. PEYTON TO MAJOR ROBERT QUARLES.

July 7,
Fluvanna

Your starting a few hours yesterday before I got to Columbia, occasions my Brother a ride to Richmond to take with him the necessary documents in order to compel our Court to render that justice which I think

they withhold from me respecting the late nomination. My principle object is to remove Joh. Haden from a seat on the bench, and do away with the effect of the recommendation of Sheriffs and order a second nomination. I wish it represented to your Council that only 7 members composed the Court on that day—2 were sons to Johnny Ware, and that Joh. Haden was thought ineligible by two members at Court, who refused to sett on the bench with him on that account. My objection to stand 2nd in the nomination is not so fully explained in Timberlake's copy of ye order as expressed by me. However, you being so fully acquainted with my pretensions renders it unnecessary repeating them to you; do in the premises what appears best and reasonable, and I shall be contented.

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July 7,
Fluvanna

I am, &c.

H. YOUNG TO THE GOVERNOR.

The morning after the receipt of the order of Council of the 29th of last month, I set out for Gloucester, and the next day arrived at the house of Mr. Warner Lewis (who was at Norfolk), from whence I saw the Ship Unicorn at anchor just within the mouth of the river Severn, where she arrived about six or seven weeks ago (and without guns). She remained a short time and then removed, but whither I could not learn. About ten days after she returned to her former station and was armed with sixteen four and two nine-pounders.

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King &
Queen

St. Clair is frequently on board the Ship Unicorn, and the general conjunction of the neighborhood is that he has been the chief instrument in arming, &c., said ship.

I procured an interview with Peter Marshall, who is on terms of the most cordial amity with the most respectable persons in the neighborhood of the ship. As a proof, I will only observe that Marshall has left at Mr. Warner Lewis's his wife and only child, where they are to remain until the return of Marshall. I have mentioned the last circumstance to strengthen Col. Page's conjecture that there must be a mistake in Mr. Whitaker's communication.

Marshall informed that Capt. Lerty, of the Norfolk Cutter, had been on board the Unicorn, and that Lurty had examined the Ship's papers; also that the cutter from Baltimore had frequently been alongside. From the best information I can get, the crew of the Unicorn are all French, and the number does not exceed forty-five men. Marshall says he is not a citizen of the United States.

I demanded of Marshall a surrender of the Ship. He answered that he was nothing more on board the Unicorn than a Passenger, and as a proof that he was not, showed me the enclosed papers, which are literal

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Queen

copies of the originals. I would have resorted to force to detain the ship Unicorn but from a conviction that any attempt that I could make with the means in my power would have been fraught with extreme temerity, and would have ended in nothing but disappointment and disgrace. I once thought of detaining Marshall, but finding the charges exhibited against him not substantiated, and fearing an encroachment on a power, with me the most sacred (I mean the civil), I declined it.

I shall feel the highest gratification if the steps I have taken in the above business, should meet with your Excellency's approbation.

I have, &c.

MARYLAND, }
PORT OF BALTIMORE, 6th May, 1795. }

These are to certify whom it may concern, that Lt. Baron, Master or Commander of Ship called Unicorn, burthen 180 tons, mounting No. — Guns, navigated with ten men, American built, and bound for the port of Aux Cayes, having on board ballast and provisions, and hath here also delivered a manifest thereof according to law.

Given under my hand and seal of office at the aforesaid port of Baltimore this 6th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and in the nineteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

R. PURVIANCE, Collector,
EDWARD LANGWORTHY, D'y Naval Officer.

I do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a clearance in the possession of the Cap. of the Unicorn.

July 3rd, 1795.

JOHN W. SEMPLE.

WARNER HALL, Severn River, July 3rd, 1795.

SIR:

I am just returned with General Young from collecting information respecting Peter Marshall's vessel and from examining her situation. As to the information, as the General will communicate it himself, I shall only observe that it is such as would lead me to endeavor to prevent her sailing had I the means of doing so; but as I have both small arms and cannon, with proper ammunition, to seek for before I could possibly detain her, and her distance from the shore is such that less than 18-pounders would probably not command her, I conclude that it is impracticable in our situation to carry into effect the standing orders of Government respecting the detention of such vessels.

I had once thought that the detention of Peter Marshall might contribute to the detention of the vessel, but on enquiry I have found that it would have no such effect, but would probably expedite her sailing.

and might drive the officers and crew to some acts of violence which it would be out of the power of the Government to chastise or compensate. To suppose that his detention would stop the ship, is to suppose that his death would prevent her cruise, which we have good reason to believe it would not; besides, the information respecting Marshall's Threat of Piracy appears from the testimony of Mr. John Lewis, who was present when the conversation passed between Mr. Whitaker and his brother Warner, founded on a mistake, as he says that his brother spake of expressions which he had heard the second Captain or Mate use, and not what were used by P. Marshall—the Mate and not Marshall having said that it was Marshall's determination to disregard the Flags of any Nation; and Mr. Lewis adds that this Mate had quarrelled with and been dismissed by Marshall, who solemnly denied the charge, and has threatened to chastise his accuser if ever he can find him. Added to this circumstance, Marshall has landed his wife and only child here, to be left in this State, whilst he shall go on his voyage to the West Indies, or his cruise, as we term it. Leaving property, it is said, and such pledges, I am apt to suppose he can have no thought of committing piracy.

Were there any proof of a piratical design, I should not be disposed to plead a doubt of legal authority to apprehend him; though I have fallen in with him to-day by accident, under the protection of the sacred laws of hospitality, and in the house of my friend, and the warm friend of the authority, peace, and honor of the United States.

My indisposition confined me at home till I ventured out yesterday with General Young, so that till then I could not personally examine into the case of the other vessel, the object of your former enquiry, but I have issued my orders to the Major of the Battalion most convenient to the place where the vessel was said to lie, directing him to comply with the orders which you had enclosed to me, and which I transmitted to him. Major Cary's patriotism and other qualifications, and that of his officers, led me to rely on him for a due execution thereof. Having received no information from him, I could not write to you; but now, sir, I have been assured that no such vessel has been in the waters of Gloucester, but that there was in East River, in the county of Mathews.

I hope you will excuse this hasty scrawl, and that as my health and public avocations are of a nature incompatible, in my opinion, with my office as commandant of the militia of Gloucester, and will not permit me with promptness to discharge the duties of my office, you will be pleased to accept my resignation thereof.

I have, &c.,

JOHN PAGE.

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Queen

THOS. NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 8,
Norfolk

I have now fitted out a boat for superintending the quarantine, finding that I could not depend on the pilots, and also that some vessels might slip up James River, and as it is impossible to guard against such altogether without the assistance of the Custom House, your Excellency will please to write to Colo. Heath and the officers at Richmond and Petersburg, if any vessel should appear without a certificate of health from Capt. Jno. Baret, to have them examined, he having orders to suffer none to go up without it, but some may get by in the night unperceived.

The sickness begins to rage in the West Indies by the accounts I have had, and you may depend every precaution shall be taken here to prevent its being brought in.

I have not been able to fix on the land yet. I wrote your Excellency and inclosed a copy of a bond. I shall be much obliged for your determination thereon.

I am, &c.

EDWARD CARRINGTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 8,
Richmond,
Supervisor's
Office

The unfinished situation in which my agency accounts remain, so far as relates to the expenditures of the Brigadiers of Militia, in forwarding their several quotas to the places of general rendezvous for the late expedition, is to me a disagreeable circumstance, and it is contrary to the punctuality exacted by the accounting officers of the United States as to monies advanced for account. A few days ago I called on Mr. Pendleton on this subject, and found that as many as five or six of those officers are still delinquent in settling their accounts. I am persuaded that the Executive have been urgent with them on this business, but apprehend that nothing less than personal application will shortly bring forward full settlements with them. Under this impression, I am led to request of your Excellency that an express may be dispatched on a circuit to such as remain delinquent in order to obtain their accounts, the expense whereof I will allow on account of the United States, and I beg leave to submit to your judgment the propriety of a conditional notice going at the same time, of motions at the next term of the Court having cognizance of such cases against such as shall continue delinquent.

I have, &c.

GEORGE CLENDENIN TO THE GOVERNOR.

On yesterday I received information from sundry Gentlemen, that came down the Ohio from Fort Pitt, that twenty-five Indians had crossed the Ohio at a place called Ambuson's Island, forty-five miles above the mouth of the Great Kanawha, and fifteen miles below Bellville.

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July 9,
Charleston,
Kanawha

They had crossed the River in four Bark Canoes, and two Rafts, the canoes they had cut holes into so as to render useless, and the Rafts they had cut the vines by which the logs were tied together—The persons who give the information, passed so immediately after the Indians landed, says they presume the Crafts had not time to float away. The perogues and boats that made this discovery were ably manned and put to the shore, and found the Indians had made no stay, but appeared to have directed their course towards our settlements. This happened on Wednesday week—There has also been a considerable body of Indians with horses in the Green Bottom on our side, about twenty miles below the mouth of Kanawha for upwards of four weeks; have frequently been seen by passengers, and have endeavored to bring boats to shore at the mouth of Siatha. They have lately fired on the packet, killed one man, and wounded three others, one of which has since died of his wounds. However, it is unnecessary for me to go on to innumerate the late depredations they have committed, as I suppose they will be reported from every quarter of our Western country.

The Treaty, under some pretence of the Indians not being able generally to collect, is postponed for two months. Sundry persons have arrived from the Treaty, or the place appointed for holding thereof, and are now present at my house, all of which appear to have extreme doubts respecting its confirmation. I expect hourly to have information from Col. Thomas Lewis, who is at the Treaty, and will not return until he knows the issue. In consequence of those circumstances, which I have innumrated to your Excellency, as well as many others, I have, with the advice of the officers of this county, and thro' the solicitations of the exposed inhabitants thereof, ordered two men under the denomination of Scouts, immediately to proceed up Pocatalico River, to cross the headwaters of Mill Creek, and round by the headwaters of the Little Kanawha, to find if the Indians are determined for Elk settlement, the settlement at the falls of Kanawha, or Peter's Creek, or Stroud settlement, in our county.

Mr. Maze, from Stroud's, was at my house (on business) when those different unfavorable informations arrived, who immediately petitioned me to permit two spies from that quarter. This I was induced to do as my own judgment, as well as his, that I could in a great measure depend on, led me to think, that the party that crossed at Ambuson's Island, either intended for his settlement or Peter's Creek. I have also ordered

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Charleston,
Kanawha

two others from Point Pleasant to go and endeavor to find out and report, as far as they are able, the disposition of those that have so long continued in the aforesaid Green Bottom, all of which I have strictly enjoined to carry on no hostile or offensive operation, unless they should find the Indians pressing this way towards our settlements.

I have found an opportunity to forward this report to-day by a person as far as the post-office at Greenbrier Court House, from which place I hope it will meet with its intended destination.

I hope your Excellency and honorable Board will take the situation of our affairs under consideration, and grant the present relief, if consistent with the policy of Government, and as soon as possible approve or disapprove.

I am, &c.,

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RICHMOND, July 15, 1795.

Rec'd of Mr. Augustin Davis one hundred and eighty-six pounds, 9s. 6d. on acc't of Arch'd Currie for binding a part of the Revised Code of Laws, as per agreement. Having signed two receipts for the above sum, both of this town and date.

ALEX. BRYDIE & Co.

JAMES INNES TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 17,
Henrico

For the restoration of my health, which has for more than eighteen months been much impaired by a combination of acute disorders, I am advised by my physicians to pass this summer and part of autumn at the various watering places on the other side of the mountains. I think it proper to give you this information, and at the same time to acquaint you that, during my absence, I shall get the favor of my friend, Mr. Warden, to discharge the duties of my office.

With the most perfect respect and esteem, I have, &c.

A. QUARRIER TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 18,

I beg leave to represent to your Excellency that on the return of the company of artillery under my command in August last, I deposited by the order of General Lee, then Governor of the State, two hundred and seventy-five weight of powder in the old Guard House, the property of the State; also two casks of one hundred each, of my own property. They were safe and untouched at the time that Ensign Nice gave up the

keys to Mr. Richard Courtney. That on the 1st instant I had occasion to take out some powder, and after examining the casks, I found that the one left of the two last mentioned, had been broken open and the whole to about five or six pounds taken out, as well as eight or ten pounds out of one of the casks belonging to the State. I would therefore request that your Excellency will cause an inquiry relative to this loss, and take such other steps as may to the Council appear proper, so as to guard me from the loss.

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July 18

I have, &c.

Wm. Hays' respects to the Honorable Col. Goode, and begs leave to inform him that he has left with Mr. Pendleton the account of the Directors with the Commonwealth, and the vouchers, and he promises to certify it on Monday. The balance of the fund yet to be drawn is £71.4.0, of which £9.10.0 is due to Mr. Dobie, £18.3.8 to Charles Purcell, and £43.10.4 to the Directors for balance of commissions as stated in the account. You will therefore be kind enough to get an order on the Auditor to grant warrants for these respective sums.

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JAS. KEITH TO THE PUBLIC PRINTER.

I have dispatched the bearer, Enoch Wingfield, for the late Revisal of the Laws for the use of this county by order of Court, and shall be obliged to you to deliver the same to him, as also one volume for the Clerk. You have enclosed a statement of the commission of the peace, which points out the number.

July 20,
Frederick
County

I am, &c.

Hugh Holmes, Mayor of Winchester; George Kiger, Recorder; Thos. Deaderick, Frederick Conrad, William Ball, Nathan Anderson, Aldermen; J. Peyton, Cl'k C't Hust'gs.

CHAS. CAMERON TO THE GOVERNOR.

On the 13th Instant, on Buckhannon, in Randolph County, the Indians kil'd Two daughters and took the wife and two sons prisoners of a Mr. Boryarth, which is the cause of the enclosed Letter to me from Lieut. Charles Buck. The person who brought me the letter was on the ground within two hours after the murder was done—that this information may be relied on. They also burnt his House and Barn and other Implements, and even endeavored to set fire to the fences.

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That part of the county where Mr. Buck writes me from, is altogether a frontier, and has generally been one of the inroads of the enemy to the Head and Little Levels of Greenbrier. Should you conceive it necessary to order out any persons to act as spies for a short time, and leave the choice of them to me, I shall be particularly careful in fixing on those whom I conceive will do their duty pointedly.

I have, &c.

July 24 D. SIR:

The present appearance of Danger from the savages constrains us to request the favor of a couple of spies for a short time. Reports from good authority show that our fears are not groundless. Billy Briger has been eye-witness of some of their mischief and Barbarity, as he will inform you. We hope, therefore, as you are acquainted with our situation and danger, you will please to grant the above request and oblige,

Your very humble servant,

CHAS. BUCK.

22nd July, 1795.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

	To Thomas Brend,	Dr.
July 28th.—To binding 119 volumes of the Revised Code of the Laws in sheep @ 8p. p'r volume, - -		£ 47.12.0
To ditto 1031 ditto half bound @ 6d.6s., - -		335.01.6
	Cr.	£382.13.6
By Cash advanced by the Executive, - -		45.00.0
		<u>£337.13.6</u>

Richmond, July 28th, 1795.—Received of Augustin Davis the above sum of three hundred and thirty-seven pounds, 13s.6d., being the Balance due me from the public for binding a part of the Virginia Code of Laws agreeably to the above account, having signed duplicate receipt for the same.

THOS. BREND.

JNO. HAMILTON TO JAMES WOOD, LT.-GOVERNOR.

July 30,
Norfolk,
British Consul's Office

I have anxiously waited a reply to my letter of the 3rd Instant, in which I requested to be informed of the result of the inquiry made into the equipment of the two vessels, represented by one as armed contrary to the regulations of the President of the United States in my letter to the Governor of the 26th of June. Not having heard from you on the

subject, I must take the liberty to call to your recollection that request, for having every reason to believe that my information on the subject of the improper equipment of the vessels complained of by me was correct, I must be allowed to say that I felt much surprize at learning that notwithstanding the instructions dispatched by the Executive Council to Major-General Lee and Brigadier-Gen'l Young, the vessels had been permitted to sail, and that one of them, the Unicorn (now Bouillon), was not only cruising for some time off the Capes of Virginia with twenty-four Guns mounted, but that during that Cruise she had plundered a vessel under Danish Coudors of a large sum of money.

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I have, &c.

GREENSVILLE COUNTY COURT, *July, 1795.*

Recommends John Pritchett, John Roper, and Benjamin Goodrich as proper persons to execute the office of Sheriff for the ensuing year.

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FROM THE FRENCHMEN REFUGEES AT NORFOLK.

NORFOLK, *July, 1795.* July 30

To the Governor and Council of the State of Virginia:

You are acquainted with the misfortune of the unhappy inhabitants of St. Domingo—you have known their distress and its cause, and you have not forgot their arrival in this Country, almost naked, wanting every thing, and having nothing but a small number of faithful slaves who have followed them.

In that occurence every thing which might be expected from a people as humane, as generous, was exercised towards us, and our souls filled with gratitude; will never forget how much we are indebted to the good citizens of this town. We were not only assisted with money, vituals and clothes, but moreover with regard to our negroes. The Governor of this State, and the Magistrates of this town, looked on us as being in the exception of the Law which grants a shelter to those who are in a state of shipwreck, and they thought that the moral world, overthrown as it is, did not allow them to follow strictly the ordinary rules which have been made for the common case.

But in the mean time, they have been anxious to provide for the safety of the Country trusted to their care, and by a good policy they have prohibited the meeting of the negroes which were customary every Sunday.

We observe that we are not liable to every regulation for ourselves and our negroes, but moreover we are extremely pleased with the good order and policy maintained in this town by its Magistrates. Nevertheless

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we are told that there exists a committee of the members of the County Counceal, and Aldermans of this town, which has made a Referrance to you and the Counceal in order to let you know the necessity of sending back our negroes to St. Domingo.

Let it be allowed to us to say, that such a plan is as inhuman as difficult to be executed. At first let us observe, that we get our living by the means of our negroes, and were we deprived of them we should remain helpless and destitute of everything. Thus if it was the case, in order to be just and humane, it should become necessary to give us an allowance equivelant the money we shall be deprived of by sending away our negroes, otherwise we should become beggars, unless you should intend to back both whites and blacks all together. But we cannot suppose such a thing without offending the generous sensibility of the American citizens.

But let us suppose the French Consul should be requested to do such a piece of Execution, do you think Gentlemen, our Minister to whom your Requisition should be sent, should not be offended at it? And tho. he should not be so, the citizens of this town from whom we have experienced so much goodness, should be themselves too afflicted at such a violence. No Gentlemen, no such hardness after so much kindness, cannot be supposed. We would rather believe you would continue to befriend us till the end of the war, than to suppose any other procedure: at which time we take the engagement to return to our own home.

In this occurence we put our plans under the protection of your humanity, and we hope you would not disgrace the Generous welcome with which you have relieved us.

Whatever may happen, we will continue our vows for the prosperity of the American Nation.

We are, &c.

[Here follow twenty signatures of Frenchmen.—Ed.]

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ROCKINGHAM, *July Court, 1795.*

Ordered, that Sayton Yancey, Ezekiel Harrison, and John Ewin, Sen'r, be recommended to the Governor and Council as fit persons to act as Sheriff for the ensuing year.

• Teste:

S. M. WILLIAMS, Cl'k.

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The Commission of the Peace stands thus June 15, 1795, for Pittsylvania: John Wilson, 1; Benj'n Langford, 2; William Witcher, 3; William Todd, 4; Stephen Coleman, 5; Wm. Ward, 6; Wm. Harrison, 7; David

Hunt, 8; Joshua Stone, 9; Wm. Dix, 10; James Johnson, 11; William Clark, 12; Gilbert Hunt, 13; Vincent Shelton, 14; William Wilkinson, 15; Sam'l Calland, 16; George Adams, 17. 1795.
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JOHN HAMILTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

I had the honor to receive yesterday your Excellency's favor of the 10th instant, acquainting me with the steps that were taken relative to the vessels mentioned in my letter to you of the 26th of June. I beg leave to return you my thanks for the information contained in yours, and I have the honor to be, with great respect, sir,

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Norfolk
British Con-
sul's Office

Yours, &c.

JOHN HAMILTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

I have the honor to inform you that I have received intelligence that there is now in Mobjack Bay a Brig lately come down from Baltimore, commanded by one Joseph Brady, which has on board fifty men and wants twenty-five more. The presumption that this vessel is fitted out as a privateer is so strong that I must request your Excellency will take necessary steps to prevent her departure, if her equipment should be found (as I am informed it is) illegal.

Aug. 15,
Norfolk,
British Con-
sul's Office

I have, &c.

J. DAWSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Some time since I did myself the honor of informing your Excellency in a private letter that some murders had been committed on Buchanan, in the county of Randolph, by Indians. On the last evening I arrived at this place, and this being the court day, I have collected information from this and Randolph counties. There remains not a doubt but there are several parties within the settlement.

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On Buchanan they murdered the family of one Bowzier and destroyed the whole of his property. They have frequently been seen in that quarter since, and have committed a number of robberies. About one-third of the inhabitants have moved off, and the rest are fortified. Col. Edward Jackson, who lives on Buchanan, has ordered out two scouts, the payment of which will no doubt be authorized by the Executive.

On Wednesday last they destroyed the house and property of a man by the name of Carpenter on Big Elk, and were seen seven in number about its ruin. On Friday morning Capt. Tanner, with twenty volun-

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teers, marched in pursuit of them, and it is expected will give a pretty good account of them. Since then other trails have been seen in different parts of this and Randolph Counties, and the people are unanimous in declaring that they apprehend more danger than for many years.

I believe their apprehensions well founded, and most heartily join Cols. Jackson and Lowther in recommending that the latter may be empowered to call out a Lieut. and Ensign's command untill the danger is over, which will be either increased or diminished by the treaty, the event of which, from what we learn, is very doubtful.

On application from Col. Lowther, I have recommended to him to continue the two scouts in Randolph, and if on going into that county, which I shall do in a few days, I find an increase necessary, I shall order it, well knowing how highly the lives of our fellow-citizens are estimated by every member of the Executive.

The persons to whom money is due as rangers, are exceedingly anxious to receive it, and think it very hard that the payments to them should be delayed by the negligence of the paymaster.

If he has not come down, it really seems right that some other mode should be adopted for the conveyance of the money.

With much respect, I have, &c.

JAMES MONROE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Paris
Aug. 22

I have lately received your favour of the 6th of February respecting the Statue of General Washington voted by the assembly of Virginia in commemoration of the important services rendered by that citizen in the course of our revolution (the execution of which resolve was committed by the Executive to the care of Mr. Jefferson whilst he was Minister here, but left unfinished upon his departure), and requesting my attention to that object for the purpose of forwarding the original views of the Legislature.

The delay of your letter on the passage, is the cause that an earlier answer was not given to it. I give one at present merely for the purpose of assuring you that I will with great pleasure make the enquiries suggested, and in other respects perform everything you have requested, and advise you afterwards of the result as soon as possible. Permit me further to assure you that I shall at all times be happy to seize every opportunity which occurs to testify the pleasure I feel in forwarding the views of those whom I have so many reasons to regard with sentiments of the highest gratitude and esteem, and that

I am, &c.

J. DAWSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

In a letter which I had the honor to address to your Excellency from this place, I informed you of the situation of the country. The return of Capt. Tanner without effecting the object of his scout has confirmed the apprehensions of danger from the Indians, he having discovered undoubted signs of many being in this and Randolph counties. Two days since, Col. Louther, with several of his officers, met at this place and resolved merely, I think, to call out a full company, to be commanded by Capt. Haymond. They meet here to-day, and in the morning march for Buchannon, in the Valley; for a more full account of the proceedings and the existing danger of the country I refer you to Col. Jackson, who will do me the honor to deliver this letter, and who is perfectly informed.

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Harrison
Court-house

On application from Col. Lowther and many citizens, I recommended to him to call out an additional spy in this County for the security of the people at Vienna; the payment will, I am persuaded, be readily made by the Executive.

This afternoon I shall set out for Randolph Courthouse, where I expect to be by the morning. The inhabitants of that county are no doubt making similar exertions to this, as they are the most exposed. How I shall get from thence to Kanawha I cannot say; the path is bad, long, and dangerous.

I cannot fail to mention again the great anxiety of the people to receive the money long since due to them as rangers, &c. The neglect of the paymaster surely ought not to withhold from them what is justly due when we have received it from the continent. Col. Jackson, who has their entire confidence, has offered to take on himself the care of bringing it up. No person can be more proper, and should General Tate not have received it, I presume there can be no objection to entrusting it to him.

With much respect, I have, &c.

CITY OF RICHMOND, }
In Common Hall, Aug. 27th, 1795. }

Aug. 27

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last meeting, be immediately authorized to engage a proper vessel and guards, and to lay such restrictions on the entrance of Passengers, Carriages, or goods by land or water into this city, from Norfolk or any other place infected with the pestilential fever now raging at Norfolk, as to them shall appear necessary.

Resolved, That so soon as a boat and guard shall have been procured, information be given to the Governor in order that such directions may be

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obtained in relation to the future service thereof, as the Executive may think proper to give.

Resolved, That the Mayor be desired to apply to the Governor for such order to the Commanding officer of militia as will procure any aid from thence which may be found necessary by the said Committee.

The above are true Extracts from the minutes of the Common Hall of the 27th Instant.

AW. DUNSCOMB, Mayor.

Aug. 28th, 1795.

RICHMOND, August 25, 1795.

SIR:

I beg leave to enclose to you the proceedings of the Common Hall of this City on this day, and to inform your Excellency that should you wish any communication with me I will wait on you at any time you will mention.

I am, &c.

AW. DUNSCOMB.

P. S.—I also accompany this with the letter from Col. Newton.

A. D.

To the Governor of Virginia.

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CITY OF RICHMOND, }
In Common Hall, August 25th, 1795. }

From various informations received, it appears that precautions have become necessary for preventing the introduction to this city of a malignant fever now raging at Norfolk, which there is great reason to believe is infectious. Therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the heads of families in this city and the vicinity, particularly the keepers of taverns and houses of entertainment, upon any strangers or late comer within their families being ill of any disorder whatever, immediately to communicate the same to the Mayor, in order that he may make such further inquiry and take such steps therein as may be thought necessary.

Resolved, That Mr. Mayor, Mr. Recorder, Mr. Barret, Mr. McRobert, Mr. W. Marshall, and Mr. Cohen, or any three of them, be appointed a committee to engage a proper house to which any person may be sent who may be seized with a disorder considered as contagious, and also if it be necessary to employ health officers, whose duty shall be to examine and report to the committee the state of all travellers who may come to the city, especially by the public stages, and to perform such other duties as the committee may require.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Governor, accompanied with a request that such measures may be taken by

establishing a guard boat at Hood's or otherwise as to the Executive shall seem advisable for the purpose of guarding against the communication of any infectious disease by water.

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Copies—Teste :

ADAM CRAIG, C. Co. Hall.

CITY OF RICHMOND.)
In Common Hall, August 27th, 1795.)

Resolved, That the Mayor be desired to apply to the Governor for such order to the commanding officer of the militia as will procure any aid from thence which may be found necessary by the said committee.

Extracts from the resolutions passed this day.

Teste :

ADAM CRAIG, Clk.

WM. LOWTHER TO THE GOVERNOR.

From the repeated depredations committed by the hostile tribe of Indians I have been under the necessity at sundry times to call out parties of the militia, but, by the delay occasioned by that round of order, find it still ineffectual. Therefore, by counsel of others with myself, have thought it best to call out a Lieutenant and company for Harrison, and Ensign and company for Randolph, and have also augmented the number of scouts from six to nine for Harrison and Randolph, and keep them stationed in the most exposed part of each county, to be ready at any call, and to continue while necessity may require, or until I have further instructions from your Excellency, and I flatter myself to meet with your approbation in what I have done. Please to inform me by the bearer, &c.

Aug. 24,
Harrison Co.

I am informed by Capt. John Haymond that the money due to the Scouts and Rangers of the Western frontiers is now ready, but through accident or neglect of General Tate is not brought forward, which occasions amongst us (the claimants thereof) a great complaint, who have now to suffer by contracts made on that dependence; therefore, having a good and speedy opportunity, do take the liberty to request your Excellency, with the Council, if propriety will admit, to send by Colo. George Jackson the money due to the different claimants in this country, or at least those who have signed the power given to him; his not having an opportunity of seeing every claimant in this place has, as I think, prevented their sending (not any scruple in the fidelity of Col. Jackson).

I have, &c.

G. PEACHEY, MAYOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

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Aug. 26,
Petersburg

Two cases of persons infected with the yellow fever having been within a few days past discovered in this town, and it being well known that these people brought the infection with them from Norfolk, the inhabitants of this place are greatly alarmed by the apprehension of its spreading, and have requested me to write to you to solicit the appointment of health officers, and to establish such regulations to prevent the further introduction of that miserable disease into this place as the Executive of the State may have power to make.

The law for incorporating the town, gives the power to the Common Council to erect hospitals, and to remove to it persons infected with contagious diseases, but it seems that this power cannot be exercised until such disease has made its appearance within the town. This is the construction which some put on the law, while others are of opinion that the law authorizes the Common Council to make use of any means in their power to prevent the introduction of any infectious disease into the town, and to use force for effecting that purpose.

Will you, sir, be so good as to afford us your friendly advice in this alarming situation.

I am, &c.

J. AMBLER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Aug. 27,
Treasury

As Gen'l Tate is now arrived, it is probable the Hono'ble The Executive may wish to see a statement of the expenditure of the money brought from the general Government by Colo. Steele for defraying the expenses attending the defence of the Western Frontiers. I therefore beg leave to lay a copy of the statement before the Hono'ble Board.

I am, &c.

Money received by Colo. Steele.

From himself, - - - - -	\$27,091 96
From Colo. Heth, - - - - -	4,000 00
From Colo. Lindsay, - - - - -	14,000 00
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	\$45,091 96
Draft on Mr. Muse, - - - - -	3,000 00
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	\$48,091 96

Warrants discharged out of the money brought by Colo. Steele.

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July 3.—Charles Wells,	-	-	-	-	\$ 2,164 96
14.—Gen'l Tate,	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
15.—Gen'l Tate,	-	-	-	-	1,115 49
27.—Charles Wells,	-	-	-	-	609 28
Geo. White,	-	-	-	-	9 90
Aug. 6.—Moses Mann,	-	-	-	-	312 00
Andrew Lewis,	-	-	-	-	1,372 33
25.—Andrew Lewis,	-	-	-	-	32,898 74
					<u>\$39,482 70</u>
27.—Cash remaining,	-	-	\$5,609 26		
Draft on Mr. Muse,	-	3,000 00			
					<u>8,609 26</u>
					<u>\$48,091 96</u>

Amount of new claims per abstract herewith,	-	-	-	24,729 03
Balance on the old claims exclusive of those delivered to				
Capt. A. Lewis,	-	-	-	2,580 78
				<u>\$27,309 81</u>

Auditor's Office, 27 Aug., 1795.

Capt. Lewis receipt for new claims,	-	-	-	-	\$30,101 74
" " " for old claims,	-	-	-	-	2,797 00
					<u>\$32,898 74</u>

T. PENDLETON.

Copy:

S. SHEPARD.

A. O., 27 Aug't, '95.

JEREMIAH STROTHER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Through me you will receive the Petition of John Strother, Joseph Strother, and John Strother, Ju'r, Praying for remission of damages on Bond given by them to Jas. Gaines, Dep'y Sh'ff, Culpeper.

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Richmond

DAVID MEADE TO THE GOVERNOR.

It might no doubt appear to you a blameable omission in me not to have answered sooner your letter dated so long ago as the tenth of June,

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but the truth is I did not receive it until within a few days, and when at some distance from home, nor has it been in my power before now to comply with the Secretary of States' request, by furnishing you with my affidavit relative to Samuel Tull's case, not having sufficiently perfect recollection of the few particulars which were communicated to you. It has been necessary to obtain them from Mr. Prentis, the Petersburg printer, to whom I had rather inconsiderately given them for insertion in his Gazette. I say inconsiderately, for altho. I was impelled as well by zeal for the Gallican cause as for the honor of my country, the motives (laudable as they may be in the opinion of true Republicans) will hardly justify my venturing the publication of facts from no better evidence than the tale of a stranger; but his youth, good affect and artless manner would perhaps have given him credit with those who are much better acquainted with human nature than I am—notwithstanding the story of Tull accords well with the flagitious conduct of many British Commanders, particularly the Captain of the Thetis Frigate. I am induced from a single circumstance to think it rather questionable, which is, that the Thetis was several months of the time Tull says he was on board, in Norfolk harbour, and in that time underwent thorough repair when all her men were taken out—how then could more than twenty Americans in bondage be concealed? this question the Patriotic Governor of Virginia may perhaps think furnishes grounds for investigation. It may be superfluous to mention to you that a British guard-house or prison was established at Gosport, where armed men, wearing the livery of the British Monarch mounted guard, and were regularly relieved agreeable to military usage. This it may be was done by license of the Executive of this State, or of the President of the United States, but however it may have been, I will confess to you sir, that the fact appeared to me to be no less an enormity than the march of an armed party of men sent by the Captain of the Thetis from Hampton several miles up the Country, in pursuit of people whom they call deserters. I am not qualified to afford any additional evidence to that contained in my affidavit herewith transmitted to you.

I am, &c.

Samuel Tull, a young man belonging to Somerset county, in Maryland, made his escape from the British frigate Thetis, then at anchor in Hampton Roads, in the night of Friday, the fifth of May last past, by means of a pilot boat. Having been sent to Charleston by his father to receive the proceeds of an Estate in Carolina which had been sold some time before, he was actually in possession of four hundred pounds paid him by Mr. Francis Symonds, merchant of Charleston, when on his passage homewards in the Ca-ira, a schooner belonging to Baltimore, about the latter end of October, 1794, the vessel was boarded by men from the aforementioned British Ship, who deprived him of his freedom and

treasure at the same instant; they likewise made slaves of another passenger and four seamen belonging to the schooner, all of whom were American citizens.

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Tull after being in bondage more than six months, had the good fortune to recover his liberty, as above related, leaving behind him on board the Thetis his five companions, and altogether upwards of twenty Americans, violently detained in service, subjected to the severest duty of the ship, and most inhumanly exposed to the greatest dangers in the time of action, as he had himself experienced.

MAYCOX, IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND STATE OF VIRGINIA, }
August 29th, 1795. }

A young man who said his name was Samuel Tull, being at this place on Monday, the fourth day of May last, on his way to Richmond, did then relate to me the foregoing particulars, not in the manner of formal narrative, but by connected answers to my different interrogatories.

DAVID MEADE.

Sworn to before me this 29th day of August, 1795.

EDM'D RUFFIN.

W. FOUSHEE AND AND. LEIPER TO THE GOVERNOR.

In consequence of your letter of last evening to us, we have gone down to the vessel mentioned by Wadrop. From actual inspection of the sick man, and also of the dead body on board, as well as from every other information we have been able to obtain on the spot, are decidedly of opinion that the disease is not the yellow fever, but a remittent fever, attended with nervous and putrid symptoms, which we conceive have been greatly increased by the crowded situation of the people (seven on board a small schooner) this hot season.

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The total want of medical assistance, and of the usual attentions and comforts, indeed almost of common necessities, all which combined will readily account, we think, for the fatal effects of the disorder in this instance.

However, we by no means undertake to say that such accumulated disease may not have produced infection on board this vessel, and altho' we do not consider the disorder by any means infectious as its ravages would seem to justify, yet we beg leave to recommend all the usual precautions on such occasions to be taken with the people on board (now only two in number), the vessel and cargo; and to suggest that a guard, while it aids individual interest, will be most likely to secure that of the public, and serve to calm the present alarming apprehensions.

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Some medical gentleman, with proper persons to attend the sick and the necessary refreshments, will no doubt be immediately furnished.

With much respect, &c.

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These are to certify that Mr. Charles Cist, of this city, Printer, has this day delivered to me in good order, four large cases (marked as per margin), said to contain, viz: Nos. 1 and 3, 1,000 copies each, is 3,000 copies of Steuben's Military Exercise, and No. 4, 991 copies Acts of the State of Virginia in German.

JOHN BARNES.

THOS. NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 1,
Norfolk

Inclosed your Excellency will receive the opinion of the Doctors here respecting the decease which has raged among us. I apprehend the same cause will occasion it to prevail very generally throughout the States (heat). Many persons at a distance from this place have had the same decease, and who have had no communication with this place. It has been most among those who were exposed to the sun; very few women or children have been sick. The nurses and carriers have not been infected, which causes me to conclude that the decease is not contagious. Strangers to our climate have mostly fallen victims, and many by imprudence and want of timely assistance. Whatever cause the disorder may have sprung from, I believe cannot be ascertained with certainty, but I am sure it has not been imported, as the vessels have been very healthy which have arrived during this summer. The rains we have had, I am in hopes, will soon set things right again. For my own part I am not apprehensive, nor can I think the decease is catching. From every observation, it is abating fast, and hope ere long to inform you that all are well, and be assured that if anything should ever happen here that would endanger the health of my fellow-citizens, that your Exc'y should be informed of it that proper precautions might be taken to prevent its spreading.

With, &c.

On application to us by Seth Foster, Esq'r, Mayor of the Borough of Norfolk respecting the Fever now prevailing in this Town, we give it as our opinion that the Fever is in some degree Epidemic, originating, however, in the lower part of the town, where from the confined situation of the houses and the uncleanness of narrow streets, such diseases are apt to generate.

From the certificate of the Superintendent of the Quarantine and our own observations, we are satisfied the complaint is not an imported one.

The confined situation of the houses, close rooms, with little or no admission of pure air, number of sick, and want of cleanliness, render it perhaps more infectious than any primary principle or putrid tendency in the Fever itself. The deaths are now less frequent, and the attacks of the disease less violent than heretofore. Many families have totally escaped, and it has not always been general, even in those houses where its fatality was most conspicuous. The markets are as well supplied as usual, the surrounding country people being accustomed (yearly) to see the same disease (which now prevails in the counties of Princess Anne and Norfolk, tho' perhaps not in so violent a degree), are apparently little apprehensive of it. Most of the deaths which have taken place have been among strangers and that class of people who are commonly destitute of necessities and proper attendance, or live intemperately. The same disease prevailed here last autumn, and a number of strangers died of it.

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Signed:

TAYLOR & HANSFORD,
PERRY & O'GRADY,
F. K. READ,
JAMES RAMSAY,
CHARLES MORTIMER.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Common Hall for the city of Richmond for the purpose of preventing the communication of the contagious disease prevailing in Norfolk to this city, at George Green's Tavern, in the said city, on Tuesday, the first of Sept., 1795:

Resolved as the opinion of this committee, that in consequence of the recent and more alarming information received from Norfolk and elsewhere relative to the said disease, that it is necessary in order to preserve this city from the danger of said disorder extending its baneful effects to this place, that the communication between this place and Norfolk should be restrained by land as well as by water.

Resolved, therefore, that it is essentially necessary that all persons destined from Norfolk to this place by land should be prevented from coming within this city; to carry which into effect—

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to apply to the Governor for such number of the militia of this State to act as a guard as he may deem sufficient to prevent the entrance of the stages from Portsmouth and Hampton within this city without previous examination, and if on such examination it shall appear that any of the passengers in either of the said Stages are from Norfolk, that such persons be by the said guard prohibited from entering the city.

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to desire of the Governor that the said guard should be placed at a sufficient distance on the north side of James River from this city to prevent such person destined to this place from Norfolk from coming on foot and in secret after they shall

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have been prevented coming in either of the aforesaid stages or otherwise.

Resolved, That if the Governor should from any cause whatever refuse to order such a guard, that this committee will, at the expense of the city, employ a guard, consisting of — men, to be stationed at such places as may be deemed necessary to prevent the entrance of the aforesaid stages within this city, and all passengers from Norfolk, if any there be, shall be discharged therefrom.

Resolved, That the preceding resolutions, except the last, be published in the papers of this city for the general information of all concerned.

ROBERT BARRET, Chairman.

CHAS. CAMERON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 2,
Bath Co.

Under the law which provides for calling forth the militia in case of invasion or insurrection for the following reasons, I have ordered on duty a Rifle Company of the militia of this county, of which I have conceived it necessary to give you the most speedy information, that you would point out to me in what manner they shall be furnished with provisions, &c. For the present I have directed the Captain to endeavor to billet the men amongst the inhabitants, who are at present badly situated to furnish them, being all collected at a few houses, without almost being able to provide for their families. I have given those assurance that can furnish that they shall receive the customary allowance.

On the 29th last month I went on my own business to the plantation of Mr. Jacob Warwick, on the head of Greenbrier. He informed me that from apprehensions of danger from Indian enemies he had removed all his negroes from the Clover Lick except two men, and that he had that day came from there himself. And that from some apprehensions that there was some horse-thieves in the neighborhood, that there was two of his neighbors to go the same day over on Elkwater, about ten miles from the Lick, in order to bring in some horses they had there. The men accordingly went, and about nine miles from the Lick met three Indians late in the evening. The two parties discovered each other about the same time. The men, being on horseback, saw the Indians at the distance of about sixty yards preparing to fire, fled, and came to the Lick in the night, and found that the two negro men from something that they had discovered, had thought it advisable not to lie in the house, for the first time they had left it this summer.

The negroes heard the men and knew them, and came out from where they were hid. The men informed them what they had seen and directed them to go immediately to their master and request him to collect what men he could and meet them the next day as early as possible at the

Lick, and that they would go and collect what they could the other course. Accordingly they came to Mr. Warwick late at night, where I was, and I sent off immediately, and by the next day 12 o'clock, I had 16 men collected at the Lick, with which I went to the place where the Indians were seen, and very plainly discovered what they had told was true, for they were men that I was well acquainted with, and could have placed confidence in their report had I not seen the signs, which were very plain. We got to the place late in the evening and camped on the ground that night. Next morning made a very vigilant search, but could see nothing but their tracks in different places. I then divided the small company and sent nine to come in thro' the mountains in search one way, and myself with the balance would take another route. After we had traveled till about the middle of the day and discovered no sign, having gone down the river at least five miles, I directed that the two scouts with four men should take one course, and that Mr. Warwick and myself would take another and return by the Lick, which we did, and got there about two hours in the night, where we found the Indians had been and burnt every kind of building on the place—even drew up a wagon that stood at some considerable distance from the house and burnt it, laid open the fields, and committed every kind of devastation in their power.

Their sign have been seen in several places since, and I now wait hourly expecting to hear of some unhappy person falling into their hands. We supposed the number at the Lick to be about six, as there appeared sign of that many.

From good information, the Indians have been and are yet on the water of Tygair Valley, Sweet Fork. I have given the two scouts very particular instructions to keep constantly out, and unless they should discover the enemy approaching, not to come in more than once a week, and then immediately to return to their duty. It's my opinion that one company is as many men as can well be furnished with provisions out there, for the people are generally in low circumstances and grain very scarce. Meat can be had the greatest plenty, and think that one company, when divided and stationed along the frontier, tho' upwards of thirty miles, will answer every purpose. I do not think it would be in my power to contract for rations with any person in this part of the country at the former price of 8 cents the ration, and for those reasons Liquor is very scarce, which they would be entitled to, and also grain, and considerable distance of carriage. However, I hope you will direct me in what manner they shall be furnished, and that the company be continued until the appearance of real danger should abate.

I have forwarded this by Express, and informed him he would receive the customary allowance for his service. The distance he will have to travel from this place is one hundred and eighty miles.

I have, &c.

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